UPCOMING DATES

PARENTS - PLEASE RETURN THE VACCINATION FORMS FOR YEAR 7 & YEAR 9 - Taking place on the 26th March

Monday 18th March—P&C AGM—5.45pm in the Common Room

SCHOOL PHOTOS—Wednesday 20th March

Tuesday 26th March—Year 7 & Year 9 Vaccinations

BOGAN RIVER BALL

Nyngan High students, Jorja Whelan and Aimee Small, preparing food for the Bogan River Ball; and pictured right: the end version of the plated up food. It looks very, very tasty.

Elodie Smith and Mrs Cecilia Swift ready for the catering night at the Bogan River Ball and pictured below: Georgia Hughes and Alahna Ryan serving food at the ball.

Well done everyone on a fantastic job!!
**Principal’s Report**

**Congratulations to our Swimmers!**

Last Wednesday, Kasey Douglas, Petria Quarmby, Peita Quinton, Tom Waterhouse, Zali Wherritt, Liam Wherritt and Harry Blake travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Western Region Swimming Carnival.

The results were: Petria Quarmby 1st 100m Breastroke; Tom Waterhouse 2nd 100m Breastoke; Zali Wherritt 2nd 200m Freestyle and Harry Blake 1st 200m Freestyle, 2nd 100m Freestyle and 3rd in 50m Freestyle. These students have all made it through to Sydney which is on 4th, 5th and 6th April. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Regional Swimming and we wish all of our state swimmers all the very best when they compete in April.

**The Bogan River Ball**

On Saturday night, many of our students catered for a large crowd under the guidance of Miss Malee Lipman, ably assisted by Ms Ngaire Booth and Mrs Cecilia Swift. Wearing their hospitality black uniforms and aprons, our students served finger food, mains and dessert for the large formal event. It was held in a marquee on the river bank, which meant that there was not readily available water for washing up. Miss Lipman was supremely organised. I was extremely proud of the work our students and staff did in enhancing the reputation of Nyngan High School through the impressive quality of their catering and hospitality skills. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Pink Stumps Day**

Congratulations to Mick Walsh and our cricketers who made Pink Stumps Day such a success on Saturday. The atmosphere was wonderful down at Frank Smith Oval. Thank you also to Kingsley Hunt for his scoring and batting; Peter O’Neill, Anthony Jarvis, Brandon Hodge, Julie Walsh and Janelle Jeffery for the selling of raffle tickets; Annie Wherrit and Debbie Piper for their batting prowess; Glad Eldridge, Janine Dutschke and Julie Walsh for the canteen; Andrew Bockos, Val Bockos and the many parents who watched from cars or the sideline for their support on the day. Our students played well, in good spirits and should be very proud of the money they raised. Brandon Hodge Piper was the winner of first prize which was a piece of cricketing memorabilia signed by Mike Hussey. Ally Robb won second prize. A wonderfully successful day for the community of Nyngan.

**Catering for Individual Learning Styles**

Nyngan High School continues to provide opportunities for all students to tailor their study to their specific interests or career aspirations. Last week, we had Nelson Salter attending Dubbo School of Distance Education for face to face lessons. xsel students Emerson Alderson, Zara Hoare, Luke Wye, Keegan Hunt and Ellita Hunt travelled to Dubbo for their Residential School for the term, where they engaged with other xsel students in face to face learning from their teachers. Our team of Stage 5 students attended their Automotive course over the mid term break and again last Friday, as they begin working on an older model Ford Falcon and work towards the completion of Certificate II in Automotive through TAFE. Last week we also had two more students, Shannon Quinton and Brianna Wardman begin their study of Child Services through TAFE. We are pleased to cater for individual learning needs within our local environment.

**Discipline Policy**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities Student Discipline Policy says “Students are expected to follow the discipline code or school rules and to comply with staff directions regarding discipline and appropriate behaviour. Students will show respect for teachers, fellow students, other staff and school visitors and not engage in any form of harassment, victimisation or intimidation.”

Nyngan High School has a “Hands Off” policy which aims to prevent aggressive or violent behaviour from occurring at school. Any physical contact from a student which results in pain to another, or risk of serious injury will be treated seriously in accordance with the DEC Suspension and Expulsion Procedures.

All students were spoken to about this at assembly this morning and warned of the above consequences should they be involved. Parents are asked to remind their children, especially Year 7 students, who may not yet be familiar with the expectations of Nyngan High School.

**Musical Auditions, Casting and Rehearsals**

Students who would like to have a speaking or singing part in this year’s musical, the Wedding Singer, participated in acting auditions today at lunchtime. We are hoping to announce the cast of the musical by Friday this week.

Rehearsals for the chorus and dancing parts of the musical have begun in Sport time. So far we have 48 students learning dances, and that was with several students absent on other variations.
Acting and singing rehearsals will be held Monday afternoons straight after school in the TLS starting Monday 18th March. Every effort will be made to notify students in advance of which sections of the musical that will be rehearsed each week to minimise students waiting for long periods of time without having a practise. All students with a speaking part will be required to attend to read through the script and become familiar with it, at least for the first two weeks, then it will be clearly indicated which scenes and characters will be required. Students unable to attend rehearsals are asked to notify the teachers involved prior to assist in the smooth running of the rehearsal.

Teacher Professional Development

This Tuesday to Thursday, Mrs Hunt will be attending the Western Region and Bourke School Education Group Principals’ Conferences in Dubbo. She will be learning about the National Curriculum which begins its implementation in 2014; Work, Health and Safety; The Collection of Nationally Consistent Data on School Students With a Disability; Student Attendance; National Partnership Evaluations; Continuous School Improvement; the National School Improvement Tool; Instructional Leadership; Quality Teaching; Australian Professional Standards for Principals; Child Protection; English Literature, Language and Literacy. While Mrs Hunt is away, Mrs Murray will relieve as Principal and Mrs Walsh will relieve as Deputy Principal. They will be available for urgent matters Tuesday to Thursday, alternatively, Mrs Hunt will return to school on Friday and will be available to assist with enquiries.

Last Thursday, Mrs Hunt presented the most up to date information available to schools involved in Local Schools, Local Decisions to the Western Region Deputy Principals’ Conference in Dubbo. It is fair to say that Nyngan High School is at the forefront of managing the impending changes in our education system. It should be comforting to parents that the teachers working with their children are willing and able to undertake changes to make improvements for students. The fact that Nyngan High School is an excellent school from many perspectives was clear and we should all be very proud of our students, staff and community.

Year 12 Student Meetings

This week, I am asking Year 12 students to complete their personal study timetable. Next week, I will speak to all Year 12 students about their study timetable, career aspirations and how the school can help them to achieve their best. The study timetable would be a good point for discussion between parents and their children. It allows for parents to feel comfortable that their children are doing their best with their school work, and allows guilt free relaxation time which is essential for a stress-less (not stress-free!) HSC. Please let us know if there is anything we can be doing to support our Year 12 students.

ANZAC Service Advanced Notice

Parents and students are asked to be aware that the Nyngan ANZAC Day March will be held on 23rd April, which falls in the holidays this year. It would be great to see a large number of students in full school uniform marching on this day. Our attendance is a visual sign of support and respect for those who went to war. There will be regular reminders to all families and staff to plan around this commitment during the holidays.

Succeeding In Science

Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science.


Facts About Tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.


Public Speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.


Science Starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


Year 10 Subject Selection

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well.

A Crash Course In Poetry Appreciation

Understanding why an author uses certain words or structures in their poetry can help your teenager enjoy the English subject and give greater depth to their writing and language skills.


ESSA Results Sent Home

Parents Please Note:

Students have been given their ESSA Test results (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) to take home today.

Please contact the school if you did not receive yours home.

Thank you

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Principal

Deputy Principal’s Newsletter Report

Lockers

Year 7 and students who were not allocated a locker last year have been allocated their lockers and they have practised opening the combination locks. Students can still hand in their Locker Application Form and be allocated a locker. The lockers have been funded by the P & C Association and are for storing school supplies and personal items necessary for school such as PE uniform for PE lessons within the school day. Nyngan High School students are very lucky to have these lockers as most larger schools do not have lockers or they are for seniors only.

Western Region Deputy Principals’ Conference

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Western Region Deputy Principals’ Conference in Dubbo. Presentations were on the Australian Curriculum Implementation, an update on Local Schools, Local Decisions (presented by Mrs Hunt), staffing NSW high schools, an update on regional activities and the implications of personal devices (phones, laptops etc) for teaching and learning and the positive management of them. The conference was very worthwhile and I will be sharing the knowledge I gained with Head Teachers and teachers.

Year 12 Exams

Year 12 exams are still quite a way off but here are some more Top Tips from past Year 12 students:

Don’t leave things to the last minute.

Do your best and never give up.

Do not procrastinate.

Be organised and work consistently.

Get into a good work habit early, as it’s easy to keep going throughout the year and it makes a big difference to your results.

Year 12 students are busy completing their personal study timetable in preparation for their chat with Mrs Hunt next week. This is a great way to support our Year 12 students.

Kind regards,

Melanie Murray

Deputy Principal
Pink Stumps Cricket

What a fantastic day! Over 50 kids playing cricket on a beautiful Saturday morning and lots of family support on the sidelines. The junior teams battled it out in a Big Bash style of tournament. Mate against mate as they tried to hit fours and sixes to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Some humungous sixes by 'Icecool' Isaac and 'Crusher' Coop kept the tally running whilst players like 'King' Keegan, 'Stupendous' Stu and 'Jumpin' Jac were finding the rope with some well-timed fours. Some say the highlight was the supreme batting performances by our parent 'marquee' players Deb Piper, Annie Wherritt, Mr and Mrs Hunt. They showed that all that watching from the sidelines and play in the backyard really pays off.

As for fundraising, I was hoping to recoup our costs of purchasing the Pink Stumps Kit and make a little more. The target was a modest $700. A few days before the event and we were only at about $400. Then, in nothing short of a miracle, the generosity of Nyngan came flooding in. Donations from businesses such as IGA, Elders and Nyngan Meats, as well as sponsorship from Nyngan Junior and Nyngan Senior Cricket Clubs meant that we were over a $1000 before a ball was hit. The best was yet to come with money flowing on the day from all parts of this wonderful Nyngan community. The players were asked to find sponsors for the day and they excelled. Every time I turned around someone was giving me a bagful of money. The money came from donations throughout the community from as little as $2 up to $50 from individuals. All this plus more. Janelle Jeffery (Jazz-Em-Up) and Julie Walsh selling raffle tickets all week as well as Glad and Julie running a very busy canteen on the day selling scrumptious pancakes and more.

Can you see what happened here? The target of $700 was left well behind and at the time of printing we are over $3000 with some more pledges to arrive this week. A huge thanks to all the players, volunteers (too many to add here) and community supporters who helped make this fundraiser the best yet. Oh yeah. First prize in the raffle went to Brandon Hodge Piper with second prize going to Ally Robb.

Congrats.

Mick Walsh
English/HSIE News

Thanks to all those who put their names down for the Premier Debating Challenge for 2013. It looks like we now have a Stage 4 and 5 team which is very pleasing. Practice will start in the upcoming weeks.

Being Week 7, it is drawing nearer to assessment and assignment time. This is a time when the Nyngan High School Writing Booklet will come in very handy. Make sure you utilise it to achieve your potential in all subjects. The Homework Centre is another very useful strategy to help students complete assignments on time and get help from teachers. It is open from 3.30pm until 5.00pm Mondays and Wednesdays.

Some students have already experienced difficulty getting their work done on time and these time management tips may help with that:

- Use your diary or a calendar to ensure you know when tasks are due
- Have a study space
- Prioritise assignments
- Get stage one done – this means get something done – starting is the hardest part and the rest will come more easily
- Postpone unnecessary tasks until work is done
- Give yourself a reward (your favourite TV show) when you have completed something
- Use your time in class wisely - if you have time to work on an assignment, use it!!
- And if you need help…ASK!

And I’ll leave you with one my two boys (who are motorbike obsessed) would love…

A Bush
English Head Teacher
Science News

Stage 5 Independent Research Projects.

All Year 9 and 10 students should now be underway with their research projects. A few students have not submitted their plans yet. This must be done prior to starting, so please get this done.

A reminder that at the end of Term 2, students will display their projects in a Science Fair. The date is yet to be decided.

Stage 6 Laptops

Teachers have requested that students in Year 11 and 12 Science and PDHPE/SLR classes bring their laptops each lesson. Work has been posted the moodle and is, at times, emailed directly to students. Students need to check their school email regularly.

On this day

1955 - Alexander Fleming died.

Fleming was a Scottish biologist who discovered the antibiotic penicillin. Penicillin was the first of many antibiotic drugs that successfully treated a variety of bacterial diseases. This discovery would earn him part of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Medicine with Ernst Chain and Howard Florey. Fleming was also the first to identify the enzyme lysozyme and identified its antibacterial effects.

Leonie Montgomery

Head Teacher Science

CANTEEN SPECIAL

BLT—Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato on a Toasted Roll—choice of sauce—$6.00

THURSDAY—SPECIAL—RECESS ONLY

Waffles - waffle, ice cream and caramel topping—$3.50
Bogan River Ball Function

Last Saturday night, Nyngan High School’s Cooking Class had the privilege of catering and serving for 125 guests at the Bogan River Ball. The Hospitality class prepared and cooked all day Friday, helped make everything with love, to delight the taste buds of the community. Well done to Emma Beetson, Ebony Blake, Anna Carter, Paige Coleman, Astrid Linke, Abbi-Lee Parry, Briana Wardman, Tegan Van Zwieten, Shannon Quinton, Lee Wright, Ashlie Kennedy, Tayla Martin, Aimee Small, Kelsie Thomson, Imogen Wardman and Jorja Whelan for preparing and cooking all the food. There were a few tears shed from the 5kg of onions!!

Well done to the students who helped set up and decorate the tables on Saturday afternoon. They were Alahna and Tahlea Ryan, Tamara Brook, Jordan Rufus, Kaleb Holmes, Keegan Hunt, Ebony Blake, Astrid Linke, Peita Quinton, Ashlie Kennedy and Mackinley Codrington.

With a friendly smile, the students served finger food to the 125 guests with great enthusiasm and were extremely professional. For a lot of students it was their first function. The delivery and collection of plates, cups and saucers was swift and efficient, not to mention the teamwork that went into the completion of the washing and drying up. Thank you and well done to the beautiful serves, Mackinley Codrington, Ellita Hunt, Alahna and Tahlea Ryan, Gemma Smith, Peita Quinton, Caleb Wardman, Mitch William-Hedges, Tamara Brook, Ellie Smith and Ashlie Kennedy. What an amazing job you all did!!!

The students can now add this excellent and rewarding experience as part of their valuable development in the Hospitality Industry.

Big thank you to Alahna and Tahlea Ryan who helped out for 11 ½ hours on Saturday. Massively great workers!!

Congratulations to everyone who helped to create a wonderfully successful function, and a big thank you to Mrs Swift and Ms Booth for their outstanding help and assistance. I could not have done it without them. Also, a huge thank you to Dione Carter who organised and planned the whole event!!

Thank you to everyone involved. love your work!!!

Miss Lipman

Hospitality