UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Tuesday and Thursdays 3.30pm to 5pm

Senior Study Evening 6.00pm to 8.00pm Wednesdays

Monday 30th March -
Western Dance Camp Dubbo Ballet Studio

Monday 30th March - Girls Touch Football Round 2, Coobar

Tuesday 31st March -
FORMAL ASSEMBLY
12.30pm Nyngan High School Gymnasium

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - COMMENCE AS FROM Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) and School Resumes for all students Tuesday 21st April

ROYAL EASTER SHOW - POULTRY TEAM 2015

Pictured above are the Nyngan High School Poultry Team who travelled to Sydney last week to compete in the Royal Easter Show. They are from L to R: Brynn Hoare, Shaneal Hodge, Caroline Walsh, Max Hoare and Joel Waterhouse - and don’t they look great in their shirts!!

And pictured Right is Joel Waterhouse giving the chooks the royal treatment. A wash and a blowdry thanks Joel!!
Term 1 Comes To A Close

This Thursday is the final day of school for Term 1. Term 2 begins for teachers and support staff only with a School Development Day on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} April. All students return to school on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} April.

Sincere thanks to all of our students and staff who have worked so well this term.

Wishing you all a relaxing, safe, fun holiday with family and friends.

Formal Assembly

This Tuesday at 12:30pm the Formal Assembly for Term 1 will be held.

Students are reminded that we will be using our new assembly bell times:

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Touch Football

Today our boys’ and girls’ Touch Football Teams travelled to Cobar to compete in the State Knockouts. The coaches will provide details of the games in our next newsletter.

Western Dance Camp

Selected students are attending Western Dance Camp in Dubbo this week. We wish these students well as they audition for Western Dance Ensemble during this camp.

Church Service.

This Wednesday we will be hosting a Combined Church Service in our Gym at 9am. Thanks to Richard for organising this service for Easter.

Western Drama Camp

Early next term, selected students will be attending Western Drama Camp and Lake Burrendong. We wish these students well in their creative endeavours at this camp.

ANZAC Day at Nyngan High School

At 9:30am on Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} April, Nyngan High School will be hosting an ANZAC Day Ceremony in the Gym. All interested people are invited to attend the assembly followed by a light morning tea, which will include ANZAC biscuits, after the assembly.

ANZAC Day in Nyngan

All students are invited and encouraged to assemble in full school uniform at Heritage Park at 9.30am for a 9.45am start. This year is a special year in commemoration of Gallipoli, and there will be an unveiling of a plaque at Heritage Park, so as many students as possible are encouraged to support this important event in town. Students not in full school uniform are invited to attend the ceremony as a community member but will be unable to march with the school.

Full school uniform includes:

- plain navy skirts/shorts/trousers or senior skirts (no brand labels visible please);
- school white, pale blue or senior polo (no sports polos on this day please);
- plain white socks (no brand labels or logos please) and
- black leather shoes.
- Students who own a blazer and tie are encouraged to wear them.
- SRC, Junior AECG and School Captains’ badges are to be worn on this day please.

We look forward to marching together with pride on this commemorative day.

Bucket Hats and Scarves

As many of you are aware, our finance system is new and very slow and hats have been in the pipeline for most of Term 1. It is with pleasure that I am able to announce that we hope to have bucket hats and scarves available for purchase in the front office early in Term 2. Both hats and scarves are anticipated to be $10 each (based on current quotes but we reserve the right to change this price if the cost changes for us).

A set of caps has been ordered as samples to present to the students to see if they like them and would wear them. Once we have a cap that the students approve, we will also order caps.
Once the choices of hats are all available, we will transition to a time where all students are required to wear a hat while out in the sun. There is plenty of shade at school so this should not be a problem. At first it will be students’ choice which hat they wear, but if they are out in the sun they will be required to wear a hat of their choice. Long term it is hoped that students like wearing our school hats and the hats they choose to wear are Nyngan High School ones.

**School Planning 2015-17**

We are finalising our school planning documents for 2015-17 and these will be uploaded to our website to begin Term 2. Sincere thanks goes to the teachers and community members who have contributed to our visions and plans for our students in the next few years.

**Calendar for Term 2**

A draft calendar for Term 2 appears in this newsletter. It is anticipated that there will be many adjustments to this draft but it is hoped that this is useful for families to plan around.

**Easter Reading**

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What’s your child reading right now?

Find out more:  https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

**April School Holidays**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


**School Calendar**

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more:  http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

**Assignment Starters A-Z**

What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website’s assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.


**Kind regards,**

*Mrs Nicole Hunt*

*Principal*

**REMINDERS**

*Formal Assembly* - Tuesday 31st March commencing at 12.30pm in the Nyngan High School Gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you at our first assembly for 2015.
What’s Happening in Room 6 This Week - I Still Hear You Asking?

**Stage 4 Achievement** has had their second in class assessment on **Data Collection and Representation**. They performed even better than their first assessment task and demonstrate daily that their skills and confidence are growing. In the last week of school, we will be starting the **Computation with Integers** topic, where they will be learning about place value, the four operations, long division, order of operations, factors and multiples and estimating your answers.

**Stage 4 Opportunity** will have their **Data Collection and Representation** assessment on Tuesday 31st March Period 2. All students in this class can regularly display their skills in drawing the required graphs. Once this assessment is complete they will also start the **Computation with Integers** topic.

**Stage 5 Achievement** recently completed their **Financial Mathematics** assessment where they exhibited their knowledge and skills very admirably. We have commenced the **Algebra** topic and the students have coped very well with the somewhat tricky index laws.

**Year 9** has also completed their assessment on **Financial Mathematics** where Rahni Bodanski and Petria Quarmby, in particular, demonstrated their very sound Mathematical skills. Year 9 have also commenced the **Algebra** topic and on last Friday demonstrated they could answer the related question in the recent **Year 11 Assessment Task**.

**Year 11** has successfully completed their first assessment task; Tom Waterhouse in particular, demonstrated his sound knowledge and understanding of the recent topics studied. Year 11’s achievements were varied but all students have been made aware of the areas in which they can improve, if they so desire. Year 11 are now studying the **Equations** topic and are utilising the fundamental skills recently acquired.

**Year 12** is embarking on the even more exciting topic of **Integration**. They have learnt about Trapezoidal and Simpson’s Rule and definite and indefinite integrals. Year 12’s first assessment this year will be Half Yearly Exams in Term 2, Week 2.

All students in Room 6 are given homework on the majority of occasions they have Maths that day. The students have also been given their **Mathletics** logins so they can practise the concepts learnt throughout the day.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s learning, please don’t hesitate to contact me via the front office.

*Tanya Buchanan*
Term 1 in the Artroom

This term in the Artroom, we have been working super hard to complete a variety of artmaking tasks. The Year 11 Visual Arts students have been drawing up a storm creating still life compositions. Year 12 have been busy working on their Body of Work for their HSC. Some students from both Year 11 and 12 visited art galleries in Sydney experiencing a wide variety of artists and artworks, including the 2015 Art Express Exhibition, which provided inspiration and set the standards high for this years HSC students. Stage 5 students have been exploring PopArt, researching Andy Warhol and the 1960's, as well as making artworks based on our pop culture. They have painted coke cans in the style of Andy Warhol, using bright colours, repetition and bold outlines. Stage 4 have been learning about the elements of design and have been using line, tone and colour to create 3D optical art, we have titled these "Sausages".

We have started "Crafternoon's" which has been widely supported by students. Crafternoons have been happening at the same time as homework centre for those students who needed to complete practical home work. These afternoons may continue on a regular basis, as the students seem to be enjoying creating. Overall we have had a fabulous term, having lots of fun being creative.

Elvina Hughan

Visual Arts Teacher,
Year 10 Year Advisor,
Nyngan High School

Artworks created by Year 11 students
**Bangarra Dance Workshop**

On Monday 23rd March, Raylene, Kingsley and Heather took a group of 9 students to Dubbo to participate in the Aboriginal Dance Workshop offered by the Arts Unit and the Bangarra Dance Company.

The students were: Matty McDougall, Clayton Hooker, Shaqur Gristwood, Kiahra Bartlett, Aimee Jones, Chelsea Ribaux, Shakirra Ebsworth, Zoey Healey and Nikkita Weldon. The workshop consisted of a warm-up and routine taught to the students by 3 members of the Bangarra Dance Company. The students then performed that routine as an audition to be part of the Bangarra Dance Company who perform at events later in the year.

We had four students shortlisted to be a part of the company. I would like to thank all of the students for their exceptional behaviour on the day and their beautiful dance skills. They were excellent representatives for Nyngan High School. Further congratulations to Clayton Hooker, Matty McDougall, Shakirra Ebsworth and Chelsea Ribaux who were shortlisted. Good Luck.

*Heather McVey*

*CAPA/PDHPE*

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Pictured above are the Nyngan High School student’s who attended the Bangarra Dance Workshops.
TAS Report

What a great term it has been for the TAS Faculty. We have entered many sporting competitions and our involvement in Seniors Week in our community was fantastic. A big thank you to Mr Dal Forno, Miss McVey, Mrs Smith, Mr Charters, Miss Field, Mrs Carter, Keiro and Mrs Swift for all their hard work.

We look forward to a great Term 2 and wish everyone a safe and happy break.

Mrs Walsh

Head Teacher TAS

State Swimmers

Congratulations to Bill, Kyle, Cale and Tyler for their participation at State Swimming. Their performance was outstanding and they should be very proud of their achievements. Congratulations are also extended to Bill for his application in his individual events. The poultry team was very excited and pleased we could cheer our boys on. Well done boys on a great effort.

2015 Poultry Team

Last Wednesday, we travelled to Sydney to compete in the Royal Easter Show. Our poultry (3 layers and 4 meat birds) left on the Monday with Keiro at 5.30am in order to catch a lift with the Dundedoo students. The chooks travelled well and were finally in their pens at Homebush just after 5pm. It was very long trip for our special birds, but they coped well with all of the 3ayers laying an egg on the way down!!

Prior to the trip, the team met on Sunday afternoon to select the birds that would represent Nyngan High School. After many weeks of re-organising pens to calculate who were the best layers, we chose 3 birds. As Captain of the poultry team, Joel Waterhouse (who is a wealth of knowledge on poultry) was responsible for selecting the 2 male and 2 female meat birds to travel to Sydney to compete. We then went on to wash and blow-dry the chooks to make them look their best.

I then spent the Sunday night working out the feed conversion rates and transferring all our documentation to the official forms. Over the term the poultry team, along with Stage 5 Agriculture, Stage 6 Primary Industries and Mandatory Technology class, have been recording weights, feed given, feed eaten and egg weights.

The meat chooks were donated to us by Steggles as part of the Steggles School Meat Birds Pairs Competition. Over 70 schools entered this competition. The layers were donated by Hy-Line as they were part of the Hy-Line Schools Egg Laying Competition, which saw over 100 schools compete. There were a few different components to each competition to be judged. On the Thursday we were part of the audience to hear news from the judges and hints/tips on how to improve. The judges mentioned Nyngan High School as we were the school furthest from Sydney to compete. On speaking with some of the judges later, they acknowledged on how hot it gets in Nyngan in January and complimented us on how well presented and how healthy our chooks looked.

It was hard to see our chooks locked up in cages, being unable to nurse them as we had become quite attached to them. While at the pavilion, we checked out all the other entries in the poultry section and spoke to a number of people and companies about what we can do to improve our entries for 2016.

Congratulations to Joel Waterhouse, Hamish Wye, Kiara Hawley Teale, Shaneal Hodge, Brynn Hoare, Max Hoare, Caroline Walsh and Saranna Fisk for being part of the 2015 Poultry Team. A huge thank you to Keiro (Poultry Team Manager) for all the hours he spent ensuring my hens/chickens were fed and watered and for accompanying the team to Sydney. Also, I would like to publically thank Nyngan Elders for their sponsorship. The students looked great in their shirts and a number of people commented to me in Sydney as to how great they looked. Thank you to all of the people who bought tickets in the raffle, and thereresults were as follows: 1st Prize to Elaine Fitzalan, and 2nd Prize to Dione Carter.

We look forward to expanding our knowledge of poultry and visiting more shows to exhibit.

Mrs N Walsh

Poultry Team Leader