UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Monday and Thursdays 3.30pm to 5pm
Senior Study Evening 6.00pm to 8.00pm Wednesdays
Thursday 14th May - AECG Meeting 3.30pm Pre School
Tuesday 12th May - NAPLAN Testing Year 7 & 9
Friday 15th May - Year 7 Vaccinations
Friday 15th May - Middle School
Monday 18th May - Athletics Carnival
Friday 22nd May & Monday 25th May - MID TERM BREAK

Western Region Small Schools Trophy Gala Day

Rugby League Team

Pictured above are Nyngan High Schools “Winning” Rugby League Team who competed in the Western Region Small Schools Gala Day last week. The boys will now go on to play in the semi finals to be held in Coonabarabran on the 23rd July. Well done to the team, the coaches and the parents!!
Principal’s Report

Western Secondary Principals’ Council Meeting

Congratulations to all students and staff involved in the hosting of the Term 2 Western Secondary Principals’ Council Meeting at Nyngan High School. Principals from across western New South Wales were treated to catering from Annie’s Tuckerbox, Miss Field and her Hospitality students, the Nyngan Golf Club ladies Debbie Matheson, Helen Rose, Leslie Lister, Sandra Beeton and Kathy Lewis and breaky was cooked by Keiro, Mrs Walsh and the Year 7 girls.

With our girls’ soccer team away in Broken Hill, our student numbers were depleted. Despite this, our musicians from the Stage 5 Music class, Abby Lane accompanied by our choir girls and Mitchell Harley accompanied by Mrs Swift and Keegan Hunt performed three impressive musical items. Our senior dancers, Jarrod Blake, Emerson Alderson and Maddy Horo performed their core performance piece. Joined together with Stage 5 dancers, they showed their audition for Schools Spectacular, followed by the Stage 5 Dance class performing their current class dance. Once again, the principals were very impressed with the students’ dancing skills and enthusiasm of the students and their teacher, Miss McVey.

Mr Walsh organised and led the principals in playing bowls at the Bowling Club and Mrs Bush presented the whole school project of Positive Education that she is leading in our school. Our office staff welcomed the Principals with their usual cheer and Veronica and Keiro set up the conference room in preparation for the meeting. The room was capped off with artworks created by our art students and expertly displayed by Miss Hughan.

Our captains greeted the principals in the foyer and showed them across to the kitchen for lunch. Several principals commented how they were impressed with the conversation and leadership demonstrated by our captains. Across the school, teachers and cleaning staff prepared their areas to look their best. I am positive that I do not know all of the things that people have done throughout the school and I thank everyone who made an effort to showcase our school. People were stepping in doing whatever was needed, such as Mr Hunt, Keiro, Mr Dal Forno and Mr O’Neill ensuring that the TV in the foyer displayed photos as we hoped. I was extremely proud to hear the compliments freely being offered by the principals in attendance. Our school is well cared for and our students are privileged to learn from quality teachers in a calm, harmonious environment.

Nyngan Show - This weekend, the Nyngan Show was in town again. Many people in our community were out and about viewing our students at work.

Congratulations to Maddy Gough who was placed first and Joel Waterhouse who placed second in the cattle leading. Our Hospitality students, led by Mrs Walsh, Miss Field and Mrs Swift prepared roast lamb lunches for hungry show participants in the dining room both days. Miss Hughan designed and set up our display in the Wye Pavilion and Mr Hunt erected the technology for the movie of photos of almost everyone in our school. Our display was bright and demonstrated to our community the focus in our school on positive thoughts and actions every day.

Congratulations to all other Nyngan High School students who entered anything in the show. Abby Lane was the Junior Miss Showgirl, with Georgia Salter Runner Up. Caroline Walsh and Ellie Smith entered numerous different sections in the Wye Pavilion and our chooks’ eggs won first prize now that they are comfortable at home. There were several impressive woodwork items from Mr Charters class.

Thanks to the parents and teachers who manned the gates for the Show Committee. It may sound like any easy job, but it can be quite challenging to negotiate the entrance of people who do not want to pay.

Sincere thanks to all students and staff who served our community and represented our school in the show in any way.

NAPLAN

This Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our students in Years 7 and 9 will be involved in NAPLAN exams as per the timetable below.

**NAPLAN Timetable 12th – 14th May**

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**Thursday 14th May – Numeracy Calculator and Numeracy non-calculator**

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**Bucket Hats and Scarves Have Arrived**

The much anticipated bucket hats and scarves have finally arrived. They are available in the front office for $10 each. Larger sizes are on back order and will come when available. Sample caps have arrived and students will be surveyed as to their thoughts. All students are encouraged to wear hats at school.
AECG Meeting

There will be an AECG Meeting at Nyngan Preschool this Thursday 14th May at 3.30pm. All interested people are invited to attend.

Middle School

The second week of Middle School will be this Friday.

Professional Development

This Friday, Mr Miles and Mrs Hunt will be attending training in Dubbo on the new Performance and Development Framework for teachers, as the NSW Teachers’ Federation Representative and Principal are in all schools across the state.

Athletics Carnival

Next Monday 18th May, our Athletics Carnival will be held at Number 1 Oval. Parents and community members are invited to come along and watch or assist staff. Please contact Mr Dal Forno if you would like to offer assistance on the day.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering Spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.


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.


Choosing A Mobile Phone

What should you consider when choosing a mobile phone for your child? Here are some ideas to help you through the process:


Kind regards,

Mrs Nicole Hunt

Principal
Hi Everyone

Thanks to those who attended the P&C meeting on Monday the 4th May. We were a bit light on numbers but nevertheless it was very informative. The next meeting will be Week 9 not Week 8 due to the long weekend. Hope to see you there.

Thanks to the following parents and teachers who helped out on the show gate on Sunday, and to those who covered two shifts for me as I couldn’t get enough helpers. Also thank you to the Nyngan Show Society for the opportunity to raise some funds for our school, we received $800 for our efforts. Helpers on the day were: Neralie Quarmby, Petra Ramsay, Camilla Sibbald, Di Dunn, Janelle Jeffery, Sandra Beetson, Loretta Pear, Jodi and Skye Douglas, Sharlotte and Werner Venter, Aimee Rixon, Amy Robb and Judy Knight, Stacey Casey and Ngaire Booth, Karen Jones and Amanda Piper, Dave and Tanya Buchanan, Kingsley and Nicole Hunt, Leonie Smith and Beryl Angove, Leonie and Andy Montgomery, Deanna and Marina Kennedy, Heather McVey and Bianca Scott, Jo Yeomans and Michelle Coyle and Kevin Ryan and Trevor Waterhouse. Once again your help was very much appreciated.

Don’t forget if you can help out on the footy gate, even for an hour, it would be great. Just contact me on 0428739426.

Thanks for listening

Stephanie Waterhouse
Nyngan High School P&C Association
President

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CANTEEN SPECIAL

Fish Burger   -   $6.50

With Tartare Sauce, Cheese and Lettuce
News from Room 6

It was lovely to welcome back the students after the holidays. Can you believe 3 weeks have passed already?

A reminder to all **Year 7** and **Year 9** students, they will be sitting their NAPLAN Numeracy on **Thursday**. A calculator is required for one of the papers and borrowing is not permitted in the assessment. Please ensure you borrow one if you don’t have one, or come to the Maths staffroom tomorrow so we can organise one for you.

**Stage 4 Opportunity** and **Stage 4 Achievement** have just finished the **Computation with Integers** topic. They have consolidated their use of the four operations and are encouraged to keep these skills going by logging onto **Mathletics** and practising regularly so these skills aren’t lost.

**Year 9** and **Stage 5 Achievement** have also just completed a very in depth **Algebra** topic where they have learned about index rules, expanding, factorising, scientific notation and significant figures. They completed assessments on this last week and both classes displayed perfect examination conditions behaviour and produced results of which they should be exceptionally proud given the difficult content of the assessment. Once again **Mathletics** should be visited regularly to keep these skills current.

**Year 11 Mathematics** have been studying the **Geometry** topic and have displayed that they can work on some topics quite independently. They are in the throes of exam revision as their exam is on this Thursday. The topics which will be included in the exam are: basic arithmetic, algebra and surds, equations and geometry. I look forward to marking these exams on the weekend.

**Year 11 Extension 1** has just completed their second topic, **Circle Geometry**. These students attend their classes after school on Tuesday and Thursday until 4:16pm and are to be congratulated for the self-motivation and perseverance they display at all times. They are also participating in exam revision as their exam is on Thursday Week 5.

**Year 12** has completed their Half Yearly Examination and have learned a lot from this experience. They have been given feedback and now know many ways they can improve for future examinations. By the end of this week they will have completed the **Integration** topic so next week we can get started on **Exponential and Logarithmic Functions**.

It is always a pleasure teaching your children but if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

*T Buchanan*

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**Netball NSW Schools Cup**

On Tuesday 5th May, the Year 7 and Year 8 girls Netball Team travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Netball NSW School’s Cup which saw the team play four games on the day. The girls were enthusiastic but came up against some very tough competition. The first three games were against Dubbo South 1, Macquarie Anglican Grammar School and Mudgee St Matthews. The Nyngan girls played really well and continued to improve, however, these teams were just too strong for them.

The final game was against Dubbo South 2. This game was a real nail biter, with two really evenly matched teams. They played goal for goal with Nyngan, finally coming out triumphant 5 goals to 4 !

All of the girls played well and a great day was had by all. Thank you to Laura Boland for assisting with transport and cheering duties on the day!

The team consisted of: Caroline Walsh, Abbey Buchanan, Lily Smith, Nikkita Weldon, Katie Boland, Saranna Fisk, Ella Meldrum, Harley Yeomans, Mollie Sibbald and Kasey Douglas and The Best and Fairest went to : Abbey Buchanan, Saranna Fisk and Katie Boland. Well done to all of the girls.

*S Carter*

**Team Coordinator**
Girls Soccer

Last week we took the Open Girls’ Soccer Team to compete in Round 2 of the CHS competition. After much organising and deliberating, we managed to gather a team up and got ready for the long trip to Broken Hill. We left on Thursday morning and the girls passed the 7 hour drive by singing (very loudly) to all of their favourite songs. When we arrived in Broken Hill ‘like a wrecking ball’ we checked in at the PCYC then headed out for a spot of shopping and some dinner. When we returned, we had the entire centre to ourselves, which meant an impromptu game of indoor soccer was played in the hall area. It was loads of fun as the girls slid around in their pyjama pants and socks and Mr Hunt and I showed them our soccer skills.

After a fairly good night’s sleep we headed off for our 9.30am kick-off at O’Neill Memorial Sports Complex. The girls played exceptionally well and the 6-1 defeat did not at all reflect the ability on the day. Many of the players had never played together as a team before and for some it was their first time playing soccer at all. All things considered, they played incredibly well and were very good sports, representing Nyngan High wonderfully. Mr Hunt and I were very impressed with them on and off the field.

Special mention must go to Alahna Ryan, who scored our goal and Skye Douglas, who saved a great many! However, all the girls played superbly and I was very proud of every single one! After some lunch in Broken Hill we loaded back in the bus for the long ride home. The girls again sang their hearts out the whole way home and proved just how ‘fancy’ they were as we approached town. Despite the loss, the girls held their heads high and seemed to have a wonderful time. Well done ladies!

B Scott

Soccer Organiser

Nyngan High School Open Girls Soccer Team
The small schools trophy rugby league gala day was held in Dubbo on the 6th of May. With an early and very chilly start to the morning, the 13s team climbed on the bus that was shared with Mrs Walsh’s Tertiary Day students. Arriving in Dubbo, the boys were quick to notice the ‘dippin dots’ ice cream truck parked in the car park.

Our first game saw us up against the team from St Matts. The boys got off to a slow start with some poor handling and defensive work letting in two easy tries. The boys rallied to score two of their own with Sonny Knight and Tyler Martin both crossing the line out wide but it was a little too late and we went down 10-8.

After filling up on their ‘dippin dots’, we were up again soon after against Gular/Baradine High Schools. Another sluggish start saw us let in an early try, but the troops rallied and started to play some good attacking football which Gular/Baradine had no answer for. Cale Dunn had an amazing game with some spectacular defence and crossed for two tries. Sonny also crossed for a try in what was yet another solid game.

Roy Calton in his 2nd ever rugby league match, had a big powerful run at the line and managed to cross for his first ever try. The smile on his face was huge! And the boys were equally happy as they celebrated with Roy. All the boys played well and we ran out winners 16-6. We then awaited the result of the final 13s game, needing St Matts to lose by more than 2 and less than 8 points for us to make the final game to see who would travel to Coonabarabran.

With that game eagerly watched, the results went upstairs to the officials. The two teams that would play each other for the 13s crown and the trip to Coonabarabran, playing on Field number 1........Oberon High School versus......................NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL!!!!

The boys were ecstatic and the trip away proved to be a great motivation for the boys!

The final game against Oberon was a cliff-hanger with both sides displaying some great attack and defence. Our boys went down a try early, but responded with a great kicking game from Colin Piper and the chasers for Sonny to score a great try which was converted from the boot of Bill Quarmby to have the game squared up at 6 points a piece at the half time break.

A quick ‘rev up’ from the coaches and the boys were at it again. The second half just as exciting as the first! Our boys were first on the board in the second half to take a 12-6 lead after another great conversion from Bill Quarmby and a great try to Dylan Venter. The game got even tighter when Oberon scored straight away to make it 12-10 with a kick to come. Fortunately for us, the conversion just missed and we held a slim 2 point lead with only minutes left in the game.

The next few minutes again saw some great attack from our boys and another excellent kick from Colin Piper saw Kane Nankervis score in the corner for a 16 - 10 lead.

Whilst waiting nervously for the hooter to sound, we watched on as Bill Quarmby attempted the conversion. Right before he was about to kick the siren went off! We are going to Coonabarabran with a 16-10 win over Oberon High School.

Congratulations to the boys for a great day. They played in the spirit of the game and represented Nyngan High School and Nyngan to the highest degree. Mr Dal Forno and Mrs Bush were extremely proud and pleased with the boys throughout the course of the day!

A big thankyou to Mr Alister Quarmby who attended and assisted with the coaching of the side and to Mr Brendan Smith for allowing us to use the Nyngan Tigers jerseys.

T Dal Forno

PDHPE