Principal’s Report

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW Government Schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. It will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

Why is the review being conducted?

In 2012 the NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No 2, chaired by the Hon Marie Ficarra MLC released a report on the Education Amendment (Ethics Classes Repeal) Bill 2011.

Recommendation 14 of the report requires that ‘a future independent review of both ethics classes and SRE be conducted by appropriately qualified early childhood educational reviewers in 2014-2015’.

Additional information about the review can be found in the Public reviews and inquiries section of the Department’s website.

Parents and carers can have a say until 31 July 2015 via an online contributions portal, located at: http://artd.com.au/sre-see-review. Information for parents and carers about the review and survey is attached.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted

This research project is conducted according to the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (see http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/e72syn.htm)

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.
ALL PARENTS are strongly urged to participate in this survey. Religious education is something that most people feel very strongly about if it is not delivered in a manner that they like. Our department needs to hear from a cross section of the community. This includes strongly Christian, atheist, Muslim, Anglican, Baptist parents or community members, both those who are happy and comfortable with the religious education delivered at Nyngan High School and those who are not happy.

Too often people only participate in a survey if they want to express displeasure. It is important to have those who are happy with the current delivery of religious education included in the survey.

Your cooperation and involvement in this would be greatly appreciated.

Rugby League

We are very proud of our rugby league players who have won the next round of the State Knockout. This Wednesday our Under 14s Rugby League side is playing Dubbo South in the next round at Larkin Oval, Nyngan. Spectators are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. All potential spectators are reminded that this is a school event and school rules are in place at all times. Behaviour appropriate to a school event is expected by all in attendance. The school reserves the right to ask for behaviour to be modified and if it is not modified, to ask any person not complying with school expectations to leave. Attendance at school events is a privilege, not a right, and we are grateful for the input of parents and community members who encourage positive sportsmanship and playing fair whilst doing the best we can – whether we win or lose. We wish our players the best of luck in the game.

School Liaison Police Workshops

School Liaison Police Workshops will be held in the school again this Friday. These workshops can be tailored to meet the specific needs of the school, so if there is anything you think our children would benefit from learning, please let us know. This time we will be aiming to teach safe partying, as well as verbal abuse and physical assault and the law. They are able to offer sessions on how to hold a party safely if parents are interested in this, please let us know.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG Meeting will be held at 3:45pm in St Joseph’s School Hall on Monday 15th June. All interested people are invited to attend.

Teacher Professional Learning

This week, Mrs Hunt will be attending the Secondary Principals’ Council Annual Conference where she will be learning strategies and requirements to bring back into the school. Topics include “Honouring the Past, Challenging the Future” Cindy Berwick – State AECG President, Ngahihi o te ra Bidois - Ancient Wisdom, Modern Solutions how the learning of an ancient culture informs the values, influence and capabilities of modern leaders, Honouring the past; designing the future – what do students want and expect from their principals and schools? Provocation: Can secondary government schools in NSW lead for innovation, change and improvement? Professor Yong Zhao Presidential Chair, Department of Educational Methodology and Leadership - University of Oregon - Designing the Future – Can Principals design 21st Century Schools in the context of Globalisation and the Digital Revolution. Principal standards and Addresses by The Hon Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education and Dr Michelle Bruniges, Secretary for Department of Education and Communities. The conference is held Tuesday to Thursday. Mrs Murray will relieve as Principal and Mr Hunt as Relieving Deputy Principal while Mrs Hunt is away.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held Monday Week 9 – 15th June at 5:45pm in the Staff common Room. All interested people are invited to attend.

School Newsletters

We are in the process of consultation in relation to changing the method of distribution of our newsletter. The printing of the newsletter is very costly when added up each year and we are looking to sending the newsletter via email, our website or an app. We will discuss this at the AECG and P&C Meetings next week.

Have a great week! Regards

Mrs Nicole Hunt – Principal
Hi Everyone,

We need volunteers for the rest of the gates. If you can help out, even if you can only do an hour, I can change the roster. Nyngan Rugby League give us $200 per game for manning the gate for them for about four and a half hours and this will amount to $1800 for the year, which is relatively easy money. I just need volunteers, I know everyone is busy. I know this because I am too, and so are the people that regularly help out. If we don’t get some volunteers, then I will let the Senior League know that we are unable to do it any more as I cannot do it every time, and I am not prepared to ask the same people to help out all the time. The money we raise benefits every child in the school, and therefore I would hope that we could get some more names.

14/6/15 10.00 am Di Dunn & Loretta Pears 12.00pm
21/6/15 10.00 am 12.00pm
12/7/15 10.00 am 12.00pm
19/7/15 10.00 am 12.00pm
9/8/15 10.00 am 12.00pm
Possible Final ??

Stephanie Waterhouse, Nyngan High School P&C Association
President

Buckley Shield Rugby League

Congratulations to the Under 14's Rugby League team on their win last Wednesday against Narromine High in the Buckley Shield. The final score was 26-22. It was a great game to watch with both sides keeping the pressure on the other.

We were only 6 minutes into the game when Terrance Ryan made the first try and Harry Blake converted it. Calub Cook went in for another try seven minutes later, with the conversion being successful. That left Nyngan High leading 12-0. Before too long Narromine scored, although their conversion was unsuccessful, this made the score 12-4. Right at half time Narromine scored again and converted, leaving the half time score at 12-10.

Both sides had a short break before returning to the field ready to play. Harry Blake went over the line giving Nyngan the edge with a score of 18-10. Eight minutes in to the second half and Narromine scored again, leaving the score at 18-16. Before we knew it, Narromine slipped past again taking the score to 18-22 their way. The tension was building as we were behind, but luckily Cooper Ryan went in for a try, with the score even 22 all. So what now? The golden point decision went in to action. Well done to Col Piper who went over the line giving the win to Nyngan High School 26-22.

What a great game it was! A huge thank you to the many people who assisted. To Brendan Smith and Red Waterhouse for their continual support of rugby league at the school, and helping organize the match. To Egg Quarmby for his assistance coaching; Byron Warren for refereeing on the day; Jacob Shone and Jak Jeffery for being linesmen; Michelle Blake for being our first aid officer and Miss Stafford and Hudson Waterhouse for their work as time keepers.

Thank you to the parents and community members for your continued support of Nyngan High School. Congratulations to the students: Malik Chatfield, Cale Dunn, Kyle Hall, Sonny Knight, Kane Nankervis, Bill Quarmby, Toby Smith, Calub Cook, Colin Piper, Cooper Ryan, Terrance Ryan, Jack Stanford, Harry Blake, Joel Waterhouse, and Cody Yeomans for your great rugby league skills and your fantastic sportsmanship. You are a credit to Nyngan High School and the community, and I was proud to watch and support you. Our next game will be on Wednesday 10th June at Larkin Oval at 11.00am—so come along and support our boys.

N Walsh
TAS Head Teacher