



High School Highlights

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Narrogin Senior High School

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NSHS DUX 2015

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Presentation Evening farewells Class of 2015.

On Friday 23 October, Narrogin Senior High School farewelled the Graduating Class of 2015 at the school gymnasium. Over 500 family, friends, community members and distinguished guests (including Federal Member for O'Connor Mr Rick Wilson MP and Lieutenant Cleo Scarce, Officer of the Watch HMAS Perth) came to celebrate the completion of thirteen years of schooling for the Year 12 class of 2015.

The prestigious Dux Award was presented by Narrogin Senior High School's Principal, Stephen Quartermaine. Runner Up Dux was, Jasmine Cheney and the 2015 Narrogin Senior High School Dux was Kyle Hankinson.

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Runner-Up Dux Jasmine Cheney



If there are any students in lower school who had a brother or sister in Yr 12, or are a family friend of a Yr 12 who had their graduation photograph taken and would like a copy or can get a copy bring a thumb drive to Rm 28 (photography lab on either Monday or Friday lunchtimes only. There must be at least 6 Megabytes of space on the thumb drive.



Principal

As you may be aware, Mrs Quartermaine and I have recently returned from Canada and the USA. A special thank you must go to Ms Sandii Stankovic for stepping in as Principal and Maxine Clark as Deputy for Sandii. When I returned, the school was in great shape due to their efforts and the efforts of the team at Narrogin SHS.

During our trip we saw glaciers, bears and bison (buffalo), watched a Jazz concert in New Orleans, a Major League Baseball game in Miami, a women's NBA game and two Broadway shows in New York. We changed the colours of the lights on Niagara Falls to purple and white, then green gold and black (for NSHS) went to an NFL game in San Francisco and snorkelled with turtles in Hawaii.

I was also interested to find out what was happening in Education in North America. Americans are very patriotic – they are proud of their country. The students are very proud of their schools. Students' use of social media and phones during learning time and how it was affecting their progress was discussed widely.

National testing (like our NAPLAN), was conducted using computer-based tests for the first time. Student results were much lower than expected and worse than in paper and pencil tests. The results were explained by the fact that higher order skills were now able to be tested. National testing which has been extended to Year 11, with Over 50 Universities (Colleges) now using these results to offer places to students.

Our Year 12 students have had their Breakfast, Dinner and Presentation night and all the Year 11s have moved into their quad. We are proud of what they have achieved and wish them success in the future.

Year 12 achievements

All but 4 students Received WACE Graduation. Thirty four our Year 12s are sitting the WACE exams. Eighty nine students achieved 176 different certificates in nineteen Different Industry qualifications.

Many of our Year 10 students have selected an ATAR program for 2016. To complete an ATAR program successfully. You need to perform well in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, as well as in Years 11 and 12. Students should be achieving an A or B grade in Year 10 in order to have success at ATAR level.

Once students have a sound base, experts agree that student aspirations (what they want to achieve), and the quality of the relationship between the teacher and the student, are the best predictors of success.

Mr Stephen Quartermaine

PARENT SURVEY

The annual National Parent Survey is now available for parents to complete. This is a great opportunity to give feedback to the school on a range of issues regarding your child and their experiences at Narrogin Senior. We value you responses.

Parents can complete the annual survey by following the link below

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/VWMEZFYQ>

Apologies to Allana Seale for misspelling her First and Surname in the last Newsletter.



Senior School Deputy

Saying farewell to the Year 12s is always a rite of passage that is bitter sweet. The Graduating Class of 2015 were of a compassionate and sincere nature. I wish them the best of luck in all their endeavours, and do look forward to the successes that are achieved by this group, as I am confident there will be many.

So we almost come to the culmination of the school year's work. It is usually at this time of the year things speed up as the end approaches. You will no doubt find that correspondence has well and truly taken place regarding next year, such as subject selections, transition days, book lists (coming soon) and so on whilst we are still going about the business of teaching, assessing and reporting.

It is very important that students remain focused on their work and complete the year as best as they can. Grades in Lower School are just as important as in Senior School – these are evidence of the foundation base the students have obtained and can build upon the following year.

Year 10 and 11s have already begun preparing for their 2016 program. In light of this, we have decided that the Year 10 Pre ATAR groups will conduct assessments under exam conditions possibly around Week 7 this term. This will prepare them for formal assessment conditions that are mandatory in ATAR subjects. We also have offered Year 11 ATAR students the opportunity to partake in the ATAR Summer Recess Camp that Curtin University has offered for our students during the summer holidays. So as you can see, there are preparations to assist our students in their academic pursuits.

To be able to perform their best students need to be prepared – this would include bringing writing implements as well as a diary to keep students on track and organised; ready for their next event, assessment to class, and keeping track of their progress. We will continue in making the school diary an essential item in the booklist to ensure students are able to achieve their best.

Hoping everyone has a successful year end!

Ms Sandii Stankovic

2015 Apprenticeship for the Specialist Hospitality Program

Congratulations to:

Ashli Bendix - The Richardson Hotel and Spa, West Perth

Austin Graham - Lot 20 Northbridge

Eli Kickett - Novotel Perth Langley

Jordan McLeish - Hospitality Group Training.

Lower School Deputy



My dear mother was, and still is, a deep well of wisdom ... but when we're young (or sometimes even older), and think we know everything, we don't often want to listen to the experiences and respect the knowledge of our elders, and these days the phrase used quite readily is ... 'whatever', and we take no notice. We are quite intolerant. Sometimes this can be to the detriment of our personal mental, physical or emotional well-being. I well remember my Mum sitting me down after one harrowing experience and saying quite bluntly, 'Son, I'm a little disappointed that you put your mouth into gear before your brain was totally engaged'. And she didn't say this when she was teaching me to drive a car and I had mashed the accelerator to the floor, wondering why we weren't moving at the speed of light and the engine was screaming its head off. I often had the misfortune to speak before I had truly thought about what I was going to say, and to this day, I regret some of the friendships that were compromised by me speaking out of turn. It takes, unfortunately, a very long time for us as humans to develop patience. We want everything now in this materialistic age, and sometimes, we blurt out our damaging and hurtful words before we've had the good sense to contemplate their potentially, destructive impact. The reason why I'm writing this, is because I saw a very clear, yet rather thoughtful picture the other day which simply stated:

"Before you speak ...:

- is it **True?**
- is it **Helpful?**
- is it **Inspiring?**
- is it **Necessary?**
- is it **Kind ?**



As we come towards the end of 2015, maybe we can all: staff, students and the wider community, think before we speak ... think before we act ... and think on the things which we've heard. If we can keep those five little phrases in the forefront of our minds then our friendships, our interactions with others, might be a little more beneficial to all.

Now lots of things are happening this term. Very briefly, one of the major events happening soon are the Year 6 transition into Year 7 days coming up for all those students who will be joining us next year. Another exciting thing that is happening is a Year 7 camp for selected students in Week 10 which has been kindly paid for, and organised by, Curtin University. WA Primary Health are currently teaching some of our Noongar boys First Aid in a series of sessions on Wednesdays and this may be replicated next year, but as always, relies on funding. Something that has gone on all year, and a special thank you goes to the staff who facilitate this on Mondays and Wednesday's, is the Follow the Dream program for selected Noongar students. Just recently they were each given a school polo shirt with the logo embroidered on it for them to wear proudly at school. This is a fantastic program to which all our Noongar students can aspire, as it gives them tutoring after school to help them improve their abilities.

Finally, there are only seven weeks to go, and I know that staff have already begun the process of writing comments for reports and collating marks. It isn't too late, however, to make changes, study hard for those tests coming up, and work industriously on those tasks and assessments approaching, to improve where you are, so that you are in the best position to go into 2016. Good luck for the rest of the year.

Mr Andrew Symington

Presentation Night



Narrogin School Concert Band



ADF Long Tan Award - Olivia Dorn
Presented by Lieutenant Cleo Scarce



Valedictorian - Bronwyn Horobin-Lavan
Presented by Mr Rick Wilson MP



Female Citizenship Award - Jaqueline Ozanne
Presented by Mr Joseph Scicluna



Male Citizenship Award - Evan Beckwith
Presented by Mr Joseph Scicluna



Westscheme Award for Excellence in Vocational Education and Training - Caleb Murray
Presented by Ms Sandii Stankovic



Sportsman Award - Trevor Kickett
Presented by Mr Rickard Chadwick



Vocational Education and Training Dux - Jessica Sweeney
Presented by Heather Mahar



Sportswoman Award - Tayla Atkins
Presented by Mr Richard Chadwick



Caltex Allrounder Award - Nova Garnier
Presented by Mr Arthur Patemoster

Year 12 Farewell Dinner

Year 12 students look forward to this event each year. It is an opportunity for teaching staff and students to get together for one last time in a relaxed and happy atmosphere.

The incoming 2016 Prefects worked together to create an evening of elegance with a turquoise blue, silver and white theme. They set up and decorated the venue, carried out the duties of wait staff throughout the evening and then stayed back to pack up afterwards.

The outgoing Prefect group set the programme and it was entertaining with plenty of opportunity for reminiscing. Three Yr 12 students, Evan Beckwith, Nova Garnier and Emily Ballantyne performed solo numbers of their own choice and Mr Hall once again gave us a rendition of his 2015 Year 12 nursery rhyme. Runner up Valedictorian, Olivia Dorn gave her valedictory address and several Prefects spoke on behalf of their Yr 12 NSHS peers to give insight into their years at NSHS.

Our "in house" Chef, Ms Campbell, and her very capable band of Yr 11 budding chefs provided a sumptuous buffet meal, the standard of which you would find in any high class restaurant in Perth.

We say farewell to our 2015 Year 12 students and wish them well in their future endeavours.



Mrs Castle and the Year 11 Prefects

Year 12 Graduation Breakfast

Tuesday October 20 marked the last day for the Year 12 class of 2015 at Narrogin Senior High School. They celebrated their last day with a barbeque breakfast on the school oval. There was some delicious bacon and eggs and some awesome pancakes cooked by Mr Quartermaine and Mr McDonald. The Year 12s dressed up in some wonderful costumes for their last day. Some bringing out their old Year 8 uniforms and some even wearing their primary school uniform. Many photos were taken and it was a great way to celebrate the end of their schooling. Many thanks to all the staff who helped organise, set up and run the morning.

Mr Kris McDonald



Canberra/Sydney Tour 2015

Forty four students, along with four staff members from our school, have recently undertaken an educational tour of Canberra, our national Capital, and Sydney. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The students visited Government House, Parliament House, the Electoral Education Centre, Australia's National Museum, the National Gallery of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and many other points of interest.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$240 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Mr Rick Bee



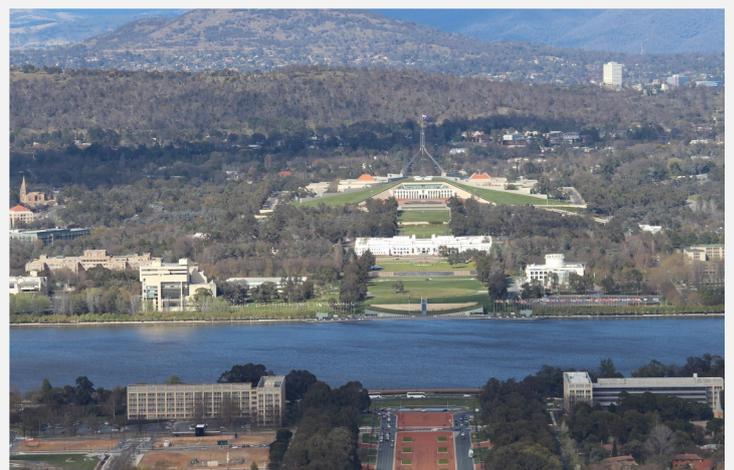
On the stairs at the Indonesian Embassy. This is a bunch of very tired students who only left the Canberra Airport in the early hours of the morning.



We all had a magnificent day in the snow at Perisher Valley. The weather Gods were good to us



Tiernan Paice placing his poppy next to the soldier he researched in his HASS class at NSHS



Our first excursion on our first day was a walk down from the top of Mount Ainslie, looking out over Anzac Parade and Parliament House.

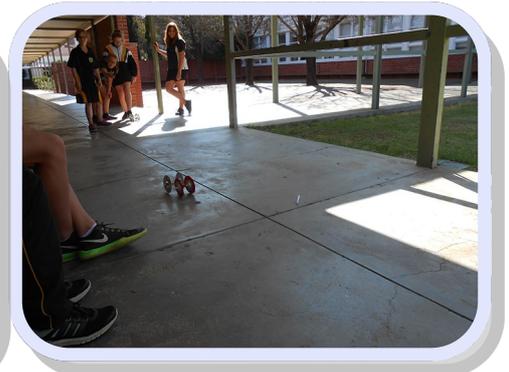
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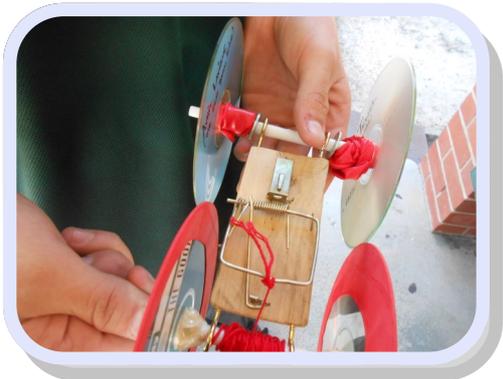
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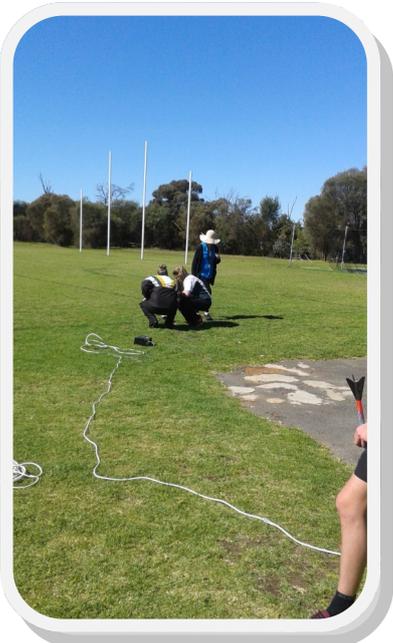
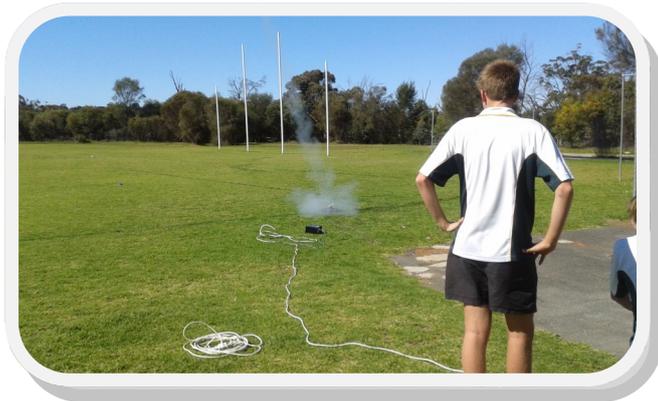
Winning Design

Students from Year 7 NAEP Science have been completing challenges to enhance their interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Angus Perkins was the winner, with a design that was reliable and consistently went the distance.

Mrs Kristy Johnson

Discovery Science

Many activities have taken place during Discovery Science in 2015. These include making the perfect flytrap and bushland analysis. It also included the construction and launching of rockets. Students enjoyed watching a rocket travel 200 meters in the air and the parachute carrying them away.



English Department

Two students from the Year 10 NAEP English class have won a place in the 2015 Primo Lux anthology of poetry. Meg Barry and Paddy Armstrong-Hetzel are now published poets.

The Primo Lux anthology carries the poetry of the top Senior School students from across W.A.

We would like to congratulate both students on this impressive achievement.

Ms Joan Armstrong

Champions 2 Country

In week two of Term 4, six West Australian and WA-based athletes representing the WA Olympic Council and Australian Commonwealth Games Association / WA Division visited the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia and in particular Narrogin SHS as part of DSR's "Champions 2 Country" Regional Tour.



Nina Kennedy (pole vaulter) with Year 7 Hockey Academy student Michaela Pratt.

The athletes represent Australia in hockey, gymnastics and track and field. The athletes spoke to students from the cricket, hockey and netball academies. They gave honestly and generously of themselves, not only talking about their sporting achievements but their personal and career challenges as well.

Sports Academy Awards

When: Friday 4 December

Where: School Gym

Time: 1.45pm - 3pm (*seated by 1.40pm please*)

Guest Speaker: Australian Netballer

Caitlin Bassett



Congratulations!

Narrogin Senior High School would like to congratulate Kate Rasmussen on being selected in the U/15 Female State Cricket Squad. Kate will travel to the National Championships, which are being held in Hobart in late November. We wish Kate a great trip and know she will make the most of her opportunity on this step in her high performance pathway. Good luck Kate!



Academy Cup

The **Academy Cup** was held at the Narrogin Leisure Centre on Friday September 25. All Netball Academy students were invited to attend. The students were divided up into their house groups and played a round robin competition against each other. The students umpired and scored each other's games. Each team included a combination of various year groups from year 7 to 10. The morning carnival was a great success. All students combined well in their teams and displayed great sportsmanship and responsibility. Thank you to all the students who umpired, kept time, scored and recorded results. I was very proud of the efforts of all students.

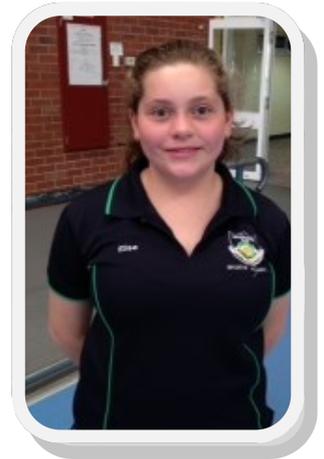
The best players voted for by their peers were:

Year 10 - Meg Conway, Latia Kickett, Georgia Dyson and Careese Ranieri.

Year 7- Abbi Battley, Imogen Morgan, Caitlynn Blechynden and Chante Kickett.

The Winning team was Pisces (Blue)

The team consisted of Abbey Wilson, Hena Smith, Astine van Wyk, Anri van Niekerk, Michaela Stoffberg, Madison Boothey, Madison Shotter, Tayla Pauley and Georgia Dawes.



Mrs Sarah Corner
Netball Studies Co-ordinator

Activities at the ILC

Students at the ILC have been busy with their car washing, mini enterprise and harvesting and cooking vegetables from our veggie garden.

Ms Jane McGrath



NOTICES

Uniform Shop - Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will be **closed Tuesday 17 November**.

Opening hours for are **Transition Day December 11 9.00am - 1.30pm**.

A reminder that the Uniform Shop will be open before the start of school in **January 28 and 29 9.00am - 2.00pm**.

There is a position for a casual assistant. If you are interested please call for further information on 92704684 Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

On Line Canteen

Our canteen has started to use "online canteen" system to receive your kid's lunch order. We would like to invite interested parent to use this system.

You can register at www.onlinecanteen.com.au

- Step 1:** Register and setup your account
- Step 2:** Reload minimum **\$20** at the canteen
- Step 3:** Start ordering your lunch

Mini Vinnie Charity Concert

Mini Vinnie members from 2009 - 2015 can register to perform

Date: Sat November 28

Place: Thornton Theatre

Time: 2-3 pm & 6-7 pm (Choose a time)

You can register until November 15, contact Sr Sahaya - 98815212

Everyone welcome to enjoy the concert!

SKIN CANCER

Skin cancer is a disease of the body's skin cells usually as a result of skin cell damage. Skin cancer can grow when the cells which make up our skin are damaged, causing them to grow abnormally.

Each time your skin is exposed to **ultraviolet (UV) radiation**, changes take place in the structure and function of our skin cells. Over time, the skin can become permanently damaged, which will worsen with each exposure. Every additional decade of overexposure to UV further increases your risk of skin cancer. Increased use of sun protection against sun exposure will help prevent skin cancer and melanoma at any age. All **skin types** can be damaged by exposure to UV radiation. People with skin types which are less likely to burn are still at risk, albeit lower, of developing skin cancer.

BEING SUNSMART



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide

SLIP - One of the best barriers between your skin and the sun is clothing, so try to cover as much skin as possible. Long pants and shirts with a collar and long sleeves are best.

SLOP - Sunscreen is one of the most common methods of sun protection. **SunSmart recommends SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.** In laboratory conditions, when used as directed, SPF30 sunscreen filters 96.7% of UV radiation and SPF 50 filters 98%. Both provide excellent protection as long as they are applied properly. 'Broad-spectrum' means that the sunscreen filters both UVA and UVB radiation.

SLAP - Broad brimmed and bucket hats provide the best sun protection for the face, head, ears and neck. Legionnaire hats also provide good UV protection. Baseball caps do not protect the face, head, ears and neck. A good sun protective hat will protect your eyes too.

SEEK - Shade is a practical, user-friendly form of sun protection. Well-designed and positioned shade can significantly reduce UV exposure as well as create cool, comfortable spaces for physical activity and recreation. Shade can be natural (trees, shrubs or shadow cast from nearby buildings), man-made or a combination of both.

SLIDE - Exposure to UV radiation over long periods can lead to serious damage to the eyes. **If practical try to protect the eyes all year using sunglasses.**

For more information see the website: www.sunsmart.com.au

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NOTICES

BUSHFIRE READY

Bushfires in previous years have highlighted the importance of being bushfire ready. The devastation caused by the recent Parkerville and Stoneville fires emphasises that emergencies always have the potential to impact on all our lives in so many ways. It is a timely reminder, at the beginning of bushfire season, of the importance of having your own personal Bushfire Plans in place. Our school has a plan which is continually being updated and we are ready for the eventuality if such an incident occurs and will be holding evacuation.

Bushfires happen every summer. They usually start suddenly and without warning.

- ◇ Narrogin SHS is on the Bushfire Zone Register as having a rating of **HIGH**
- ◇ Advice regarding a bushfire is usually received from FESA or external experts
- ◇ The survival of students and staff is always the Department's main priority
- ◇ At times a planned (pre-emptive) closure of the school may be necessary. The Regional Executive Director contacts the principals of affected schools directly.
- ◇ The Regional Executive Director confirms with the Principal the final decision to close the school no later than 1.30pm the day before the planned closure
- ◇ Prepare to evacuate building by safest exit route or lockdown as directed by the Principal. This will be dependent as how much advance notice is given
- ◇ Take requirements to allocated Evacuation Assembly Area
- ◇ Do not re-enter buildings until cleared by the Emergency Services

The following website is the best place for up to date info regarding announcements, warnings or other relevant, pertinent pieces of information (<http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au>). During the coming season please access this site on a regular basis. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school on 9881 9300.

A hard copy is available at the front office if required.

FOSTER AND HOST CARERS NEEDED

Foster and Host Carers needed in Bunbury and the South West. Life Without Barriers is seeking committed foster and host carers to provide care, support and a safe, nurturing environment to children in care, some of whom may have complex medical needs and challenging behaviours.

We provide excellent training 24/7 support and a financial reimbursement.

Potential foster and host carers must be willing to undergo criminal screening checks and hold a current drivers licence.

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU:

t: **08 9722 9200** or visit **www.lwb.org.au**

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