NSHS Students Celebrate 50 Years of James Bond with Sophistication and Style

Aston Martins (of the cardboard variety), Fire Trucks, Prime Movers and vintage cars all rolled up to the John Higgins Centre on Friday 15 March to deliver 200 guests to the 2013 Annual Narrogin Senior High School Ball.

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From The Principal’s Desk

School Ball
On Friday, 15 March, Narrogin Senior High School held the annual school ball at the John Higgins Centre, Narrogin.
The girls looked absolutely amazing in their gowns and the boys looked extremely handsome in their suits. The evening was a great success and the students should be very proud of the way in which they conducted themselves on the night.
The school ball is only possible as a result of a great team effort, with many people volunteering to assist. I would like to thank all those who assisted with making the school ball such a success. Particular thanks must go to Mrs Castle and all the students who were on the Ball Committee for the effort they put into organising such a wonderful event.

Congratulations to:
Matty Abraham and Nathan Ugle on their selection in the U/15 Western Australian Aboriginal Kickstart team that competed in Townsville recently.

Our hospitality students recently excelled in catering for the official opening of the Hospitality Trade Training Centre and the recent Narrogin Principal’s Network meeting. They have received many well deserved compliments. Including: “The catering and hospitality that your students provided was of an exemplary standard and equal to that found in any professional environment. They were a credit to themselves and that staff who are instructing them. Could you please pass on my congratulations and thanks for their hard work and effort. It was very much appreciated.”

Our wonderful school band for their performances at the official opening of the Hospitality Trade Training Centre, Woolarama and the school assemblies.

Students and staff for a very successful CHAT Summer Carnival.

School Uniform
We have received many favourable comments from community members and parents about how smart our students look in the school uniform.
During the last year or so, we have received a number of requests from parents and students to consider including a Narrogin Senior High School jumper as part of our school uniform and to modify some aspects of the Narrogin Senior High School uniform.
We will be surveying parents and students about any proposed changes early next term to enable the School Council to determine whether there is sufficient support for any change to be implemented.
During winter the standard of school uniform is often impacted by students trying to keep warm. The following winter guidelines will apply:

- Long pants should be plain black with no advertising.
- Jeans are not permitted as school wear by the Department of Education.
- Leggings are highly inappropriate when worn on their own and can only be worn beneath the approved school uniform.
- Students may wear plain jumpers, in black or dark green for both girls and boys.
- Plain black or white skivvies may be worn under the new uniform top. No bright colours or cummerbunds.
- Caps need to be appropriate with no offensive slogans.
- Shoes should be predominantly black, with black laces and enclosed with a firm sole; socks preferably black or white.

Attendance
For the last few years or so, we have been reminding parents that the attendance of their child at school is one of the biggest contributing factors to achievement at school. As a rough guide, it is considered that a minimum of 90% attendance is essential for academic success. Our teaching staff in general and of course our Manager of Student Services, Ms Clark and her team are monitoring the attendance of your child on a daily basis and reporting to you if their attendance is causing concern (and they will do this even if you have given permission for your child to be away). Typically, our attendance is worse in Years 10 and 11 than other year groups. This said, so far this year there seems to have been a significant improvement and I hope this is because students and parents are getting the simple message that ‘it is NOT ok to stay away’. Remember, we really need parents to stand firm when their child asks to stay home when they are not really all that unwell and to understand that taking your child on an extended holiday during the school term could cause considerable academic hardship.

Finally, students and staff return to school next term on Monday 6 May. Our Term 2 School Development (Pupil free) Day for staff is on Tuesday 4 June 2013.

Alby Huts
From the Senior School Deputy

Attainment
Our students are well on the way to the end of Semester 1. The Year 11 and 12 Examinations for Semester 1 will take place at the end of week 4, commencing on Thursday 31 May and concluding on Friday 7 June. Tuesday 4 June is a School Development day, however exams will still take place in order to minimise disruptions to the leaving program. The examination timetable will be given out to students at the beginning of Term 2.

Addendum to the School Assessment Plan
The addendum has been distributed to students and parents are asked to sign the acknowledgement slip and return it to the year coordinator.

Subject changes
Year 11 and 12 students will be counselled regarding their results at the end of semester 1.

Subject Selections for 2014
Heads of Learning Areas have reviewed the subject offerings and updated the handbooks ready for the subject selection process which will occur during terms 2 and 3. The first session for year 10s going into Year 12 will be held in the afternoon of Friday week 4 which coincides with a boarder’s weekend.

Countryweek
It is good to see the many students trying out for teams to represent Narrogin at the Countryweek carnival. Squads will be chosen before the holidays. Students must be up to date with their work and maximise their attendance.

Narrogin Nineties Club
Students who attain an ATAR of 90 or above will become members of the Narrogin Nineties Club. These students will have their names placed on the honour board and will be invited back to the Achiever’s Assembly early in Term 1, 2014 to be presented with their certificate.

Mr Steve Quartermaine

TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE

The Year 11/12 Hospitality students, training with Ms Campbell in the new Trade Training Centre, have been selected to participate in the “Produce Prepare Provide” project in conjunction with Foodbank. The objective of the project is for students to work with Crown Casino apprentices and chefs, over a course of two days in July, to produce and prepare five thousand meals in one day and provide meals with Foodbank who will then distribute them through charity.

Narrogin SHS has been selected as one of twelve schools across the state to participate in this project which is an exciting program run by the Home Economics Institute of Western Australia, Future Now and Crown Casino. The students participated in a tele-conference link up last week and met the apprentices and chefs they will be working with in July. The students are very excited and thanks go to Ms Campbell for her hard work and enthusiasm for this project.

On the 20 March, students participated in the Chat Summer Carnival. Healthy snacks were made available to the students and thanks go to Ms Pattullo, Mrs Shepherd and the Year 12 Food Science class for their efforts in providing healthy biscuits for the students to enjoy.

The Business & Office Administration simulated office environment is underway and Certificate II Business students have commenced workplace in the office, completing numerous business administration tasks under the direction of Mrs Samson. Thanks must go to Mrs Samson for her supervision and setting up of this area.

Mr D Quartermaine
Head of Technology & Enterprise

SKM WOMEN AT WORK

On Wednesday 20 March, Tayla Dawes, Naomi MacLeod, Emma Potts and Shannon Walliss attended the Beacon SKM Women at Work Seminar in Perth. SKM engineers and draftswomen shared their journey through education, training and seeking employment. They helped the girls to set SMART goals to achieving personal success. After a gourmet lunch, there were tips for personal grooming, dressing to impress and preparing for job interviews.

Mrs K Johnson

High School Highlights
The Ball celebrated 50 years of James Bond. Students were greeted by staff members Mark Davis and Mr McDonald who opened car doors, whilst Year Leaders Mrs Wilkie and Ms Armstrong took their names for Mr Potts to announce them as they walked the red carpet, through the traditional “James Bond Barrel of a Gun” into the centre where they were welcomed by Principal, Mr Huts; Managers of the NRC Mr & Mrs Lally; Deputy Mayor of the Town of Narrogin, Rob Madsen; Deputy, Mr Quartermaine and HOLA of T & E, Mrs Quartermaine.

Students then walked the hall of fame of James Bond Movies before they were served pre-dinner mocktails and hors d’oeuvres in the alfresco area, provided by the Brookton Pingelly Drug Action Awareness Group. Prefects and School Ball Committee had worked hard over the previous weeks to create a lovely sophisticated James Bond setting with tables decorated in cream and black, adorned with storm shade vases filled with diamonds and gold floating candles. Silhouettes of James Bond and Bond movie posters were placed around the walls.

Prefects Caylah Batt and Nick Peake then invited guests to be seated for a two course meal, which was followed by dancing to music provided by ex student, DJ Daniel Watkins. Whilst most of the evening was given over to current dance trends, students who had been practising their Ballroom dancing skills these past weeks, under the watchful eye of teachers Andrew Corner and Brodie Melchiorre, took to the floor enthusiastically to dance the Jive, Slow Rhythm and Cha Cha Cha. When Belle & Beau of the Ball was announced, Belle, Jycara Stewart and Beau, Jaiden Randall danced with Mr Corner and Ms Melchiorre respectively and then invited others to join them on the dance floor. Prefects presented Best Arrival to Josh Barrett and Brittany Graham who arrived in a cardboard “Aston Martin”. Best Dancers were Caylah Batt and Nick Peake, Most Elegant Yr 11 Girl was Shenae Gooley and Most Dapper Yr 11 Boy was Quintin Porter.

The evening concluded with Head Girl Emma Potts thanking staff, students, Yr 10 Wait Staff and parents for assisting to make this a very successful 2013 School Ball.

Narrogin Senior High School would like to thank the local community and the Brookton Pingelly Local Drug Action Group for their continued support for this event.

Susan Castle, Student Events Co-ordinator
Achieving Our Attendance Goal

Going to school every day is important for all young people if they are to succeed in education and develop the skills, knowledge and values needed to achieve their potential. Our students, families, carers and the community must recognise attendance as a priority.

Students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of:

- feeling insecure in school.
- having gaps in knowledge and understanding of basic concepts
- placing themselves at risk of harm during times of absence
- dropping out of school early
- becoming long-term unemployed
- becoming welfare dependent
- being involved in the justice system
- being socially isolated

Once students have begun to develop patterns of poor attendance and lateness, there is potential for the pattern of absences to continue to escalate in later years. School is a place to from friendships and to develop the skills required to enable our students to become Life Long Learners.

We want all of our students and their peers attending school 90% or more of the time.

Congratulations to all our Year 8 students with 81% of the year group attending 90% or more of the time. Well done guys and girls and thank you to the parents and carers for supporting this achievement.

Year 8 CONNECTIONS Programme

The Year 8 group had the opportunity to participate in a 2 day Connections Programme. The progression into high school can be a challenging time for Year 8 students. At Narrogin Senior High School, we want our students to experience a sense of connection to their new peers and school community and have the confidence and resilience to manage this change effectively.

The first day was hosted by Rising Generations. The team focused on building the necessary skills and confidence in our students to help ensure a smooth progression into high school. The programme is designed to build strong and resilient young people who are inspired to achieve their personal best and to develop strong and healthy relationships with their peers.

The following themes and topics were covered:

- Developing and maintaining positive relationships
- Communicating effectively with others
- Listening skills
- Building the team and group co-operation
- Appreciating diversity
- Building confidence
- Achieving your personal best
- The importance of attitude
- Being resilient and overcoming obstacles

The overall response to the workshop was summed up by one of the students who said, "Great Facilitators, enthusiastic, very entertaining and the program has a great fast-pace. We all had a great day."

The second day was coordinated by Mrs Pattullo, Ms McCarthy, Ms Lavan and Ms Clark. Students participated in a number of small group activities that focussed on reinforcing Narrogin Senior High Schools core values: Respect, Responsibility and Tolerance, developing teamwork and communications skills. In one activity students worked together to create a newspaper tower. Prizes were given for the tallest and the most creative towers. Staff and students were impressed with the height and quality of towers constructed. It was a great day for all that participated. In particular a big thank you to Mrs Pattullo and Ms McCarthy for ensuring everything went to plan and to Regional Rural Community Services and 1Life for sponsoring the event.
Year 9 Corner with Mr Dyson

Name: Teesha Rasmus
Favourite Teacher: Mr Goodenough.
Why: Because he is nice and caring and is very helpful.
Favourite Football Team: Fremantle Dockers.
Favourite Song: Wish You Were Here, by Delta Goodrem.
Favourite thing about Yr 9: Drama Class.

Name: Christian Ward
Favourite Teacher: Mrs Haythornthwaite
Why: Because she is really funny, caring, responsible and trustworthy.
Favourite Football Team: Port Adelaide.
Favourite thing about Yr 9: Going to Canberra.

Name: Amy Oats
Favourite Teacher: Mr Kuriokose.
Why: Because he explains things very well if we need help.
Favourite Football Team: Freo.
Favourite Song: Just Give Me A Reason.
Favourite thing about Yr 9: Canberra Tour.

Name: Caleb Pascoe
Favourite Teacher: Mr Erickson.
Why: Easy going and funny.
Favourite Football Team: Eagles.
Favourite Song: Skyfall by Adele.
Favourite thing about Yr 9: Talking to friends.

Noongar Boys Cooking

Recently, Claire Bowditch, a Health Promotion Officer with Wheatbelt Public Health based in Northam came to Narrogin SHS and conducted cooking sessions with Noongar boys from years 8 to 10. The boys really enjoyed the activities Claire planned. The students cooked pizza and garlic bread. They had a range of healthy toppings to select for their pizza. Each student was required to present their pizza in an appealing manner and explain to the group how they prepared their meal. All participants enjoyed tasting and rating each others pizza. Ms Clark, Miss Kickett and Ms Pattullo enjoyed the food tasting and were impressed by the many different types of pizza made.

Accompanying Claire were two nutrition students from Edith Cowan University, who talked to the classes about their studies. Everyone involved had a good time and learnt something new. Claire and the Edith Cowan students said, “The boys are a pleasure to teach and we would love to come back to Narrogin to run more workshops.”
On Friday 22 March, a group of twenty-two Yr 9 and Yr 10 Enrichment English students thoroughly enjoyed the Barking Gecko Theatre Company’s rendition of *Hamlet*, at the Subiaco Arts Centre.

The performance featured third year Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) students. The production was, unusually, set in the waiting room of a mental institution. Traditionally, *Hamlet* is staged in a castle so this change of scene took some getting used to.

Our front row seats were stunning! For some, being that close to the stage was at times a challenge; particularly when the actors seemed to speak straight to us or the realistically macabre, blood-splattered ghost of Hamlet’s father stood half a metre from away.

“At first I didn’t understand what they were saying but after a while it just made sense.” Shinea Bruckner commented. “The acting was so good you knew what was happening.”

The very next day, Saturday 23 March, saw twenty-three NSHS students experience the splendour of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, at the Heath Ledger Theatre, in the WA State Theatre Centre in Northbridge.

As the curtain rose, we found ourselves in the drawing room of one of Oscar Wilde’s most famous characters, Algernon Moncrief. This Black Swan Theatre Company’s performance of Wilde’s much loved play was well received by the audience and our students loved the venue.

Thank you to Ms Melchiorre and Mr Potts, our two capable bus drivers, who safely transported us to and from Perth.

If you are offered a chance to experience theatre, take it! Both these performances were mind-blowingly superb! In Term 3, Barking Gecko will stage Colin Thiele’s well-loved classic, *Storm Boy* and the Black Swan Theatre Company’s offering is Tim Winton’s new stage drama, *Shine*. Come along and experience the wonder of a live theatrical experience!

*NSHS English Department*
2013 Carnival Results

Badminton Winners

8     Jakeb Reardon & Chris Kain
9     Claudia Rourke & Christian Ward
10    AJ Andrada & Marcus Wells
11    Shanae Davies & Jainna Buck
12    Tim Holt & Blake McGowan

Tennis Winners

Div 1     Andrew Major & Zac Baker
Div 2     Marshall Henry & Harley Dale

Squash     Shaun McKay

Lawn Bowls     Abbie Murray & Emma Fleay

Volleyball    Most Valued Played
              Tasmyn Olman

Best performing cohort: Leo Yr 8s 348

House Results

1st Taurus
2nd Scorpio
3rd Pisces
4th Leo
In preparation for the Primary School Interschool carnival, five Narrogin Senior High School students decided to return what they had learned and give up some time to support their junior peers. The East Narrogin Interschool team attended a coaching clinic run by high school students from years 8 and 9. Four of the high school students attended East Narrogin Primary so it made the bond between them special to watch.

No one explains swimming techniques better than swimmers and the very long and hard hours of training gave the five high school students a good foundation to pass on what they have learned at school and at the local swimming club. Many thanks must go to our "Kids who taught kids"………..Sophie Potts, Morgan Barr, Georgia Dyson, Amy Coetzer and Pippa Bairstow.

Mr Paul Dyson
CHAT SUMMER CARNIVAL

CHAT (Changing Health, Acting Together) is a School Drug Education and Road Aware initiative which Narrogin SHS has been involved with since 2011. With a focus on providing important messages to students about drug and road safety and resilience education, the CHAT project strongly supports Priority 1: Health and Wellbeing in the school’s strategic plan.

In 2013 the traditional Narrogin SHS Summer Carnival was designated as a CHAT activity in a push to get students to consider positive health and wellbeing messages whilst participating in physical and team events. In addition to all the fabulous sporting activities of basketball, lawn bowls, netball, badminton, volleyball, soccer, cricket, squash and tennis, students also participated in:

**FUNKY HAIR DAY** with students coming along with crazy creative hair and donating money to the Leukaemia Foundation.

**Did you know………..**

Leukaemias are cancers that affect the blood and bone marrow.
In 2007 in Australia, around 2936 people, including 250 children (0-14 years) are expected to be diagnosed with leukaemia. Leukaemia is the most common type of childhood cancer.

**Where does your money go?**
The money you raise helps the Leukaemia Foundation provide emotional and practical support free of charge to people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. They also fund critical blood cancer research into better treatments and cures.

**WA One Life Suicide Strategy and NSHS Health and Wellbeing Pit Stop**
Thanks to Jo Drayton for her assistance in setting up the Pit Stop for students to receive some important information and resources about keeping fit and healthy in both body and mind. Students also participated in a health and wellbeing survey which will be used to guide further decision making for student activities in the future.

Congratulations to Mikayla Draper, Jade Stevenson, Sophie Potts, Yvonne Pangler, Montana Laws, Ella-Louise Wihone, Nova Garnier, Kellie Hancock, Ellysha Hale and Jamie Gray who won one of 10 music CD/DVDs donated by WA 1Life Suicide Strategy.

**Exercise sessions with Brendan Firman**

Students were able to test their strength and fitness with a boot camp session with personal trainer, Brendan Firman. This was certainly good preparation for fitness for winter sports this year.

**CHAT Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by the teachers for demonstrating the school’s values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and TOLERANCE.

Kieran Edkins, Scott Cochrane, Meg Wiley, Latia Kickett, Cameron Hathaway, Tyson Kirk, Emily Ballantyne, Callum Hughes, Josh Culbertson, Tasmyn Olman and Emma Sparks.

**NSHS CHAT Summer Carnival DVD**

Thanks to Ms Siciliano’s Media class who were involved in creating a DVD of the day to celebrate NSHS students’ awareness of keeping fit and healthy through physical activity, healthy eating, being sun smart and being active participants as well as demonstrating RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and TOLERANCE.

**THANK YOUs AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Thanks to:
- Mr Corner and the Phys Ed team for organising a fabulously enjoyable carnival.
- All the teachers and support staff that helped make the day so successful.
- All the student helpers who created healthy food platters for the students to share and to Ms Pattullo and her Y Year 12 Foods students who cooked the delicious healthy oat biscuits.
- Jo Drayton and the WA 1Life Suicide Strategy for their support of this event.

I would also like to acknowledge the amazing students of Narrogin SHS who participated in this day with great sportsmanship, positive attitudes, a sense of fun and some fabulous costumes.
NOTICES

Asthma Inhaler Recall

Asthma Australia have advised that GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Alphapharm are undertaking a voluntary recall of several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhalers due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff.

The only batches affected are as follows:
Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178 and KN7179.
Asmol Batch Numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797 and KL6799.

If you have an asthma inhaler (puffer) which matches any of the above batches, take the inhaler to your pharmacy and exchange it for a new one.

For more information contact your local Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

Library Lovers Week

Winner of “Guess the Number of Lollies in the Jar”

Tasmyn Olman
(Special thanks to Karen & Steve from the Cuballing Roadhouse for donating the lollies)

Winner of the Non Fiction competition - Zoe Horley
Winner of the Fiction competition - Austin Graham

Britt Newitt - entering one of the competitions.

NAPLAN

A reminder to parents that Yr 9 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy during Week 2 of Term 2. Further information to follow in Week 1 of next term.

Ms Joan Armstrong
English Department

A chance to win an Ipad

We are offering you an opportunity to win

• one of three iPads
• one of two Office Max booklist redemption vouchers up to the value of $250

Competition closes: Friday, 19 April 2013
To be eligible for the draw you must have paid 100% of the Voluntary Contributions and Charges by the last day of 1st term 2013

Please note: The Office Max voucher is redeemable for the amount that you incurred when purchasing your child’s 2013 booklist up to the value of $250

Winners will be notified at the beginning of term 2.

I would like to thank and congratulate the following on being successful in obtaining a position on the Narrogin SHS County Week Team.

Manager: Alistair Potts
Assistant Manager Laura Cheetham
Hockey Coach Andrew Corner
Assistant Hockey Coach Mark Davis
Netball Coach Brodie Melchiorre
Assistant Netball Coach Laura Cheetham/Alistair Potts
Volleyball Boys Andrew Pratt
Volleyball Girls Alan Hall
Soccer Boys Steve Fawcett
Soccer Girls Barry Stewart
AFL Coach Stephen Quartermaine
AFL Assistant Coach Peter Erickson
Speech and Debate Clyde Goodenough
Basketball Coach Kris McDonald
Assistant Basketball Coach Di Quartermaine

Mr Alistair Potts

Pingelly Hockey Club

We are looking for players for our Men's sides. If you are interested in joining us, please phone our President, Peter Thompson, on 0428 424 050.
Best Arrival
Josh Barrett and Brittany Graham arriving in theme in their James Bond Silver Aston Martin