

High School Highlights

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Prepare, Produce, Provide



Narrogin hospitality students took part in the Prepare, Produce, Provide excursion to Perth on July 2 - 4 in conjunction with Crown, Foodbank, Future Now and the Home Economics Association of WA. The project was an overwhelming success where NSHS partnered Mirrabooka SHS along with ten other schools across the Perth metropolitan area to produce well over 5000 meals that were distributed via Foodbank.

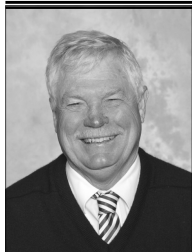
After a somewhat comical road trip, special thanks to Mr Gurr for providing the laughs, the students arrived at their accommodation in Perth. After hastily unpacking they then headed to MSHS where they were led by MSHS teacher Jen Hassen for a class in ice-cream and pastry making. NSHS teacher Justine Campbell led the MSHS students for a lesson in pasta making and poultry preparation.

As evening fell the hospitality students were treated to Crown's Atrium Buffet where they were introduced to a wide variety of cuisines from different cultures.

The students were intrigued by what is known as the 'sugar cube', a literally jaw dropping and mouth watering experience and definitely not for those watching their waist lines. By the end of the meal there was not one student still hungry.



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Principal's Report

We have had a positive start to Semester 2.

I would like to welcome Mr Morrell to our Physical and Health Education staff. He is replacing Mrs Wilkie, the proud mother of a baby son, Zander, who is now on maternity leave.

Ms Melchoire has replaced Ms Wilkie as our Year 12 Year Leader and Mrs Rhodes will be our Year 8 Year Leader whilst Ms Pattullo is on leave.

Recently we had an enjoyable assembly where we acknowledged the hard work and talent that has led to many wonderful achievements of our students in academic, artistic, cultural and sporting achievements. Congratulations to all those students who were recognised at the assembly, and I encourage all students to strive to achieve their personal best at all times.

Congratulations to:

D'arcy Coad, Tayla Curtis and Criscielle Flores for exhibiting their art work in the prestigious St George's Art Exhibition 2013 in Perth.

Emma Fleay - who played in the Australian Women's Country Hockey Championships in Geraldton last week.

Shannon Hall who is competing in the World Skills competition where she will be testing the business skills that she has developed in the Certificate III Business course.

Christopher Kain and Rhett Cheney for achieving a distinction and a credit, respectively, in the prestigious Australian Informatics Olympiad competition.

Our school has been a hive of activity so far this term. Some of these activities have included:

With the final WACE Year 12 examinations fast approaching, our university-bound Year 12 students are working to maximise their ATAR results. About 15 attended revision seminars during the last term holidays. Others are attending after school master classes conducted by some of our teachers or online revision courses organised through the Great Southern Cluster.

A number of our Year 10 students are actively involved in the BEACON program this term. A group of students travelled to Boddington District High School to attend the "Lunch with the Girls" program, whilst the boys attended a "BBQ with the Boys" at the Narrogin Residential Hostel recreation room.

On Wednesday 31 July, Mr Stewart's Year 9 Indonesian class and a group of students from Boddington District High School went on an overnight excursion to Perth to experience the cultural differences and similarities between Australia and Indonesia. The experience was valuable and the school aims to organise such excursions on a regular basis to allow students to enhance their knowledge of Indonesian culture and language.

Some of our students are also involved in Noongar Pop culture workshops. This event is sponsored by CANWA who are supporting the school with several fantastic programs.

Looking ahead:

As a follow up to Country Week, the Boys hockey team will contest the David Bell Cup and the girls will contest the Buchanan Cup in the coming weeks. We wish them well. The NAB Cup is a hockey competition being held for the first time this year. Local District High Schools will play our Year 8 hockey class in preparation for District High Country Week.

In the last week of this term Narrogin SHS will play Warwick SHS in an AFL match in Narrogin.

The Senior Band is participating in the WA Schools' Band Festival. Held annually, this is a chance for school bands across the state to show off their performance skills and be graded for their efforts. The Senior Band will be competing in B grade this year and we wish them well.

Open Day – Saturday 7 September – 10am to 3pm

I hope that you will be able to join us on our Open Day! There will be lots to see and do – School and Residential College tours; Demonstrations; Seminars; Musical Performances; and a Fashion Parade as well as Market and Food stalls.

The Open Day Committee is seeking parent volunteers to help with some activities. Please contact the school on 98819300 if you are able to assist.

Mr Alby Huts



Predicted ATARs (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

What is an ATAR?

An ATAR score ranges between 99.95 and zero, and reports your rank position relative to all other students. It takes into account the number of students who sit the WACE examinations in any year and also the number of people of Year 12 leaving age in the total population. If you have an ATAR of 70.00 for example, it indicates that you've achieved as well as, or better, than 70% of the school leaver age population.

Entry into public universities in Western Australia is a matching process of the people who want to go to university and the number of places that are available. To assist this process, Year 12 students are ranked and places offered on the basis of this ranking.

For more information visit the TISC website at Tisc.com.au

Year 12 ATAR students have all been interviewed by Ms Melchiorre regarding their predicted ATAR. The marks gained from Semester 1 are used for the calculation to determine whether the students are on track to achieve their goals and set targets for their final ATAR.

VET

Vetis Consulting Group recently moderated many of our certificate courses. This involves looking at student work to determine whether or not students have demonstrated the skills and knowledge to "Industry Standard". The result of the visit was very positive, although there are some students who need to lift their efforts to complete the work required to achieve the competencies.

WACE – Graduation

The results from Semester 1 indicate that the majority of our Year 12 students are on track to achieve their WACE. Every student is expected to achieve at a satisfactory level. There is no acceptable reason for a student to achieve a "D" or "E" grade.

Subject Selections for 2014

All Year 10 students have made their choices for 2014. Thank you to our Health teachers for developing Individual Pathway Plans with each student. Mr Davis conducted information sessions during Studies of Society and Environment classes as well as counselling students. Other counsellors included Mr McDonald, Ms Armstrong, Mr Gurr and Mrs Sexton.

End of the School Year

Year 12 parents recently received a letter containing information regarding important dates for the remainder of the year.

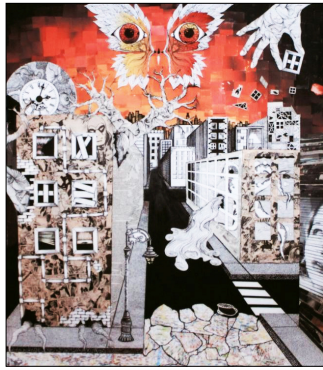
Important Dates for Attendance

Please note that it is a legal requirement for your child to attend school until these dates.

Tuesday 22 October	- Last day Year 12
Friday 22 November	- Year 11 Semester 2 examinations commence
	- Last day for NON-ATAR students
Friday 29 November	- Year 11 Semester 2 examinations finish
Thursday 19 December	- Last day of school for Years 8, 9, & 10

Steve Quartermaine

YEAR 11/12 VISUAL ARTS WORKS



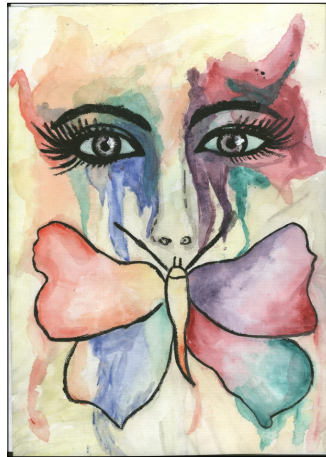
Yvonne Pangler



Samantha Verayo



Taylah Mason



Taylah Mason



Rachael Leagas



Juan Storey

ST George's Art 2013

Narrogin Senior High School students have once again participated in this prestigious exhibition. The event is proudly part of the 2013 city of Perth winter arts season, costing \$30,000 to stage. The St George's Art is largely funded by donations to the Cathedral's Arts Foundation and corporate sponsors. Congratulations to the following students for their entries D'arcy Coad, Criscielle Flores, Tayla Curtis.

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Title: Chamberlain 306

Medium: Acrylic paint

Category: 2D

Artist: D'arcy Coad

School: Narrogin Senior High School

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Title: Life After the Burn

Medium: Mixed media

Category: 2D

Artist: Tayla Curtis

School: Narrogin Senior High School

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Title: Symbiosis

Medium: Collage and pen

Category: 2D

Artist: Criscielle Flores

School: Narrogin Senior High School



'Chamberlain 306' is a painting inspired by Leon Pericles and his studies of the Australian landscape. Lurid, manufactured colours rust with the passage of time. I have worked with impasto gel and acrylics to create textured surfaces. As the idea of nature taking hold is present with man-made objects, there is an undertone that portrays the erosive structural integrity of rural communities as time passes by.



My work portrays the regeneration of life after a bush fire. I have experimented with a number of techniques to contrast between the death and darkness a bushfire creates and the life it generates gradually after the rain. John Wolseley has influenced me to view the environment as a set of relationships, rather than a whole. It is encouraging to see that nature always wins.



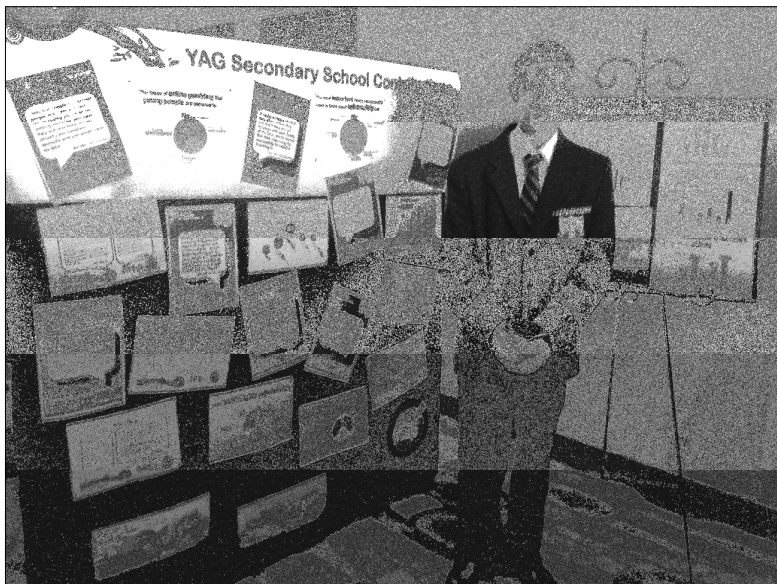
'Symbiosis' is based on my observation of the natural environment. I wanted the viewer to realise that a leaf is not just a leaf. A leaf supports a whole ecosystem, like insects. A single leaf has the ability to provide protection, shelter and food to hundreds of insects. They might be small, but they still need attention sometimes. I have been influenced by the works of John Wolseley and his studies of the landscape.



Dean Gurr - Deputy

New Town Bus Service

The Public Transport Authority has been working with Nicholls Bus Service to streamline the town bus service in an attempt to better serve the needs of the town. The new TransNarrogin service is a public transport network available to fare paying clients. You may have noticed the striking blue poles going up around town which serve as the bus stops for students on the way to and from school. These stops have been carefully placed to ensure no student need walk further than 250m to reach the nearest stop. Each stop has been timetabled carefully and a plan of the route as well as stopping times at each of the scheduled stops on the route have been provided to every town student to take home, in a brochure provided by the PTA. If you have not received this brochure there are spare copies available from the school. The PTA asks that students be at the stops approximately 5 minutes prior to the scheduled stop time, to ensure there is no rush or delay to enter or exit the buses. Normal rules for entering and exiting buses safely apply and there are hints in the brochure of things to discuss with your child prior to them using this service. This service will commence on Monday August 19. Essentially the old 001 route is being replaced with a morning 798 route and an afternoon 799 route. A new modern, wheelchair friendly bus has been provided to service the route. The PTA is very keen to receive any feedback regarding this change and will be finetuning the service on the basis of this feedback. You can forward any thoughts you have on the service to the PTA via Narrogin SHS.



Congratulations Jared

Established under the Australian Government's Cybersafety Plan, the Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety (YAG) is a group of young Australians aged from 8 to 17 years old who provide advice to government on Cybersafety issues. The YAG was formed to provide a unique and invaluable insight into Cybersafety issues affecting children and teenagers and the ways these issues can be addressed from the perspective of young people themselves.

The first YAG consultation was launched in 2009, and since then membership has continued to

significantly expand. In its first year, the YAG consisted of 304 secondary school students from 15 schools from across Australia. Membership has continued to grow and in 2013, 2612 students represented 289 schools from across Australia to provide advice to government on a range of priority topics.

At Narrogin Senior High School, Mrs. Ramasamy has incorporated this program into her Certificate II of Information, Digital Media and Technology class. Her students took part in discussions on a range of Cybersafety topics including digital citizenship, Cyberbullying, mobile phone safety, privacy, social networking sites and online computer games. They were also able to generate their own discussion topics. Within 2 days of this program, students have posted hundreds of posting and participate in the survey. At the end of the program, I have nominated Jarad Egerton-Warbuton to attend the YAG submit in Melbourne. He had posted more than 120 posting and almost all of them were very informative and useful for all the participants.

Mrs M Ramasamy

Yr 10 Students participate in Nurse West “GREaT Work Experience” Program



Year 10 student Hayley Simmons participated in a Nurse West Work Experience Program at Armadale Hospital. The program is developed by WA Health Nursing and Midwifery Office.

The Get Real Experience and Try (GREaT) program aims to encourage high school students to experience nursing prior to undertaking study with a state training provider or university.

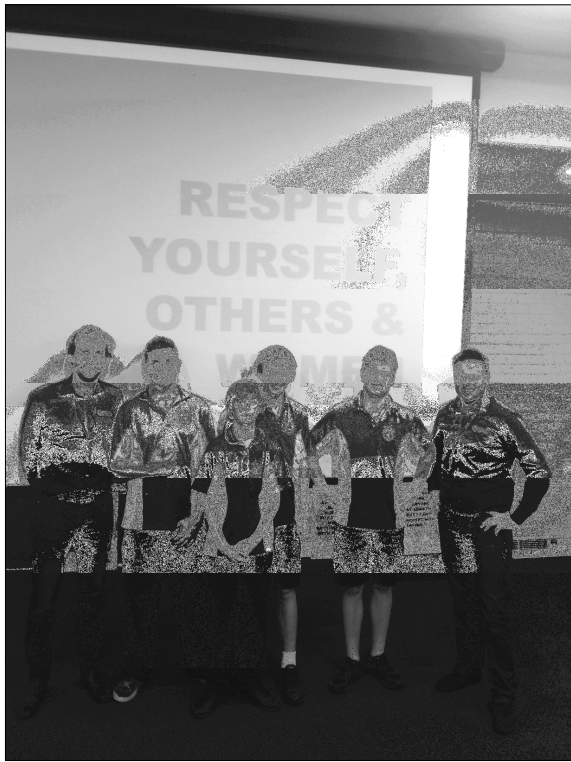
Over four days the students had the chance to observe many aspects of nursing and midwifery in general wards and critical care. These included changing nappies and feeding newborn babies, taking temperatures and watching surgeries being performed. In the following weeks four other Narrogin SHS Year 10 students will be participating in this program at other Perth Hospitals.

Gnarojin Community Garden

Recently a group of dedicated Year 11 and 12 students donated their time to helping out at the Gnarojin Community Garden. The students eagerly spent the day digging, weeding and planting seedlings. A Narrogin SHS garden bed was also planted up and is now powering along. Great work guys!

The Gnarojin Community Garden is situated at the old Railway's Bowling Club and is open to the whole community, including individuals, families and community groups. Gardening is a great way to get some physical activity, to relax and to be a member of a fun, vibrant, committed community group. If you would like to know more, ring Michael Barr at Narrogin SHS on 9881 9300.





R I S I N G G E N E R A T I O N S



On Monday 29 July we were lucky enough to have the team from Rising Generations presents workshops for both boys and girls separately. The boys went to the Residential College and the girls to the gym to participate in workshops designed to address ongoing issues faced by our students. They designed and facilitated a range of skill-based, fun & interactive leadership and self-esteem development programs for our students. The students interacted well with the workshops and had a really worthwhile and rewarding day.

Mr Dyson

Congratulations to Shannon Hall who has been nominated and accepted for the World Skills competition. Shannon will be competing against other Business students using her business skills developed in her Certificate III in Business course. Shannon will be competing in the South Perth regional competition, if she wins this competition Shannon could then move on to the State, National and even international competitions.

Good luck, Shannon!



Beacon



On Wednesday July 31, a small selected group of Yr 10 girls from Narrogin Senior High School and nine girls from Boddington attended the Beacon "Lunch with the Girls". The workshop was held in Boddington at the Boddington Newmont Community Information Centre.



The day started with the girls being led through a variety of communication activities by group leaders, Liz and Kim.

They were then placed into smaller groups and worked through a variety of activities with a mentor. The mentors were a select group of highly successful women from various backgrounds and professions. Some of the professions including a mine manager, truck driver/truck driver instructor, personal assistant, small business owner, mine administrative officers and human resources personnel. The mentors guided the girls through many different activities aimed at improving their communication skills, team-work, leadership, initiative, goal setting, gratitude, resilience, and emotional intelligence.

The day was highly successful and the students came away from the day with lots of positive ideas about how to achieve to their potential.

Mrs Sarah Corner

Noongar Pop Culture



A number of Noongar students have the unique opportunity to work with a group of talented artists from CANWA. They are participating in a series of noongar Pop Culture Workshops.

Students have been writing songs in Noongar language.

They are making film clips and hope to perform in November this year.

*Ms Maxine Clark
Student Services*



ATAS

Term 3 began on a very pleasant note for the ATAS mob! A colourful display of the *dardy* posters done by ATAS students, along with photos of those who were actively involved in the preparation of it all, adorns a part of the non-fiction area of the school Library. Accolades for the efforts of all ATAS students through Semester 1 and sincere appreciation for Years 9 and 10 students, for their enthusiasm to complete the project. A special THANK YOU goes out to the wonderful Library ladies, especially Pam Tonkin, for setting the display up, to AIEO

Carol Kickett for her encouraging comments, and also to James (Year 9) for his timely assistance. The posters are an end result of a short term project on Literacy, combined with some cultural flavour. The display is a happy expression of the students' attitude towards the ATAS programme and their positive response to ATAS values.

Ms Biswas

Language Matters

Our Asian Hub

Yr 9 Perth Language & Culture Excursion, 31 Aug –1July

On Wednesday 31 July, **Mr. Stewart's Year 9 Indonesian class** and a group of students from **Boddington District High School** went on an overnight excursion to Perth to experience the cultural differences and similarities between **Australia and Indonesia**. Students participated in a variety of activities such as a group work investigation through **Perth Zoo**; testing their knowledge of Indonesian vocabulary on an Indonesian trail. An evening outing to a popular **Indonesian restaurant** thoroughly tested the students' ability to use their best Indonesian phrases to order an authentic Indonesian meal. Plus a day spent courtesy of **Murdoch University**, provided our students with an opportunity to learn to play in a **Gamelan orchestra** and experience some traditional Indonesian **dance & pastimes**. As well as an insight into university life, the excursion's value was enhanced by providing students with a series of cultural and language challenges offered beyond the classroom, highlighting the fact that learning another language is a most useful skill and an enjoyable opportunity to add to anyone's repertoire.



Narrogin Senior High School Raises \$1000 for Cancer Council

The Year 12 Food Science Technology class ran a morning tea for the whole school in the gym at recess time as part of "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea". It certainly was a big morning tea.

The students planned and produced the food and sold plates of food to fellow students for \$2.00 a head. Approximately 250 students and staff supported the event and raised \$500.00.

Student's Comments

As part of an assessment task, all year 8s held an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for their parents and friends. Six classes of year 8s held separate morning teas and raised approximately \$500.00. Year 8s, parents and friends thoroughly enjoyed the morning teas in our lovely new Trade Training Centre

This function turned out better than I expected. Firstly, I thought there would be less people turning up, but when recess started it was like flies around a car dump. This was good, because it meant more money for cancer research in finding a cure. The food turned out very well and there was plenty for everyone.

Lauren Rayner

Favourite Teacher: Mrs Haythornthwaite

Why: Because she is caring, nice, funny and is always willing to help.

Favourite Football Team: West Coast Eagles

Favourite Song: Here's To Never Growing Up - Avril Lavigne

Favourite thing about Yr 9: Canberra Tour & Country Week

In the Yr 9 Corner with Mr Dyson

Kirrily Rayner

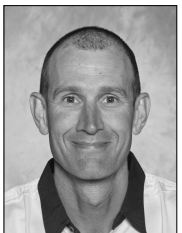
Favourite Teacher: Ms Campbell

Why: Because she is a great teacher and makes lots of nice food for us to eat.

Favourite Football Team: Fremantle Dockers

Favourite Song: Run This Town
Lucy Hale

Favourite thing about yr 9: Canberra Tour & Indonesian camp.



Sarah Coulson-Howell

Favourite Teacher: Mr Johnson

Favourite Teacher: I always look forward to class, I would even wait outside the door.

Favourite Football Team: Geelong Cats

Favourite Song: Linkin Park - Waiting for the End

Favourite thing about Yr 9: Going to Science

Skye Cox

Favourite Teacher: Mrs Johnson

Why: Because she is nice and explains things really well and I love going to her classes and she makes things that are boring into fun things.

Favourite song: Give your Heart a Break by Demi Lovato

Favourite thing about Yr 9: Meeting new people.

FREE CONCERT!!

The String Trio from WA Symphony Orchestra will be performing a free concert at the Narrogin Town Hall next Tuesday 27 August.

Follow the Dream: Partnership for Success.

A tutoring program supporting aspiring Aboriginal students is calling for more participants.

On every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

For more information:

Mr Daniel Wheeler in the SELs Office - 98819336.

Uniform Shop

Term 3 only, will now be opened one day a week Tuesday's - **8.15am until 11.15am.**

Term 4 - will resume the regular hours.

Also I am after an assistant to help me during Transition times and back to School. If you could please advertise this, asking anyone to come and see me in the uniform shop or call me on 92704684.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOOTH FAIRIES

The Dental Therapy Centre at the Narrogin Primary School will be closed for the remainder of the year while we travel to other towns with the mobile dental van. The school office has our itinerary and we can always be contacted for advice or treatment. An answering machine message at the clinic (9881 2281) will also tell you where we are at any time. The phone number on the van is 0428 984 100. We will be working in Narrogin on days that the van is moving from town to town and we will be available for toothaches so please call us in the case of an emergency.

The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a national independent charity administering tertiary scholarships for children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women. Our scholarship applications open on August 18.

We ask for your help in getting the word out there. I've attached a poster you can print and display along with information about AVCAT you can add to your website.

Our website address is www.avcat.org.au

Our email address is avcat@dva.gov.au (or respond to this email)

Background

AVCAT's aim is to help the children and grandchildren of ex-servicemen and women to a better future through higher education. Through the help of our generous donors, AVCAT administers scholarships to the children of those who have served our country in peace and war in the Australian Army, Navy and Airforce. Our recipients come from all over Australia and study an enormous variety of courses.

At present AVCAT is helping around 180 children with the costs of study. We administer about 70 scholarships a year for the Department of Veterans' Affairs as well as various ex-service organisations (including RSL and Legacy).

Scholarship selection is open to children and in some cases grandchildren of a veteran and is based on need and merit. Applicants can be high-school leavers starting university or current university students and eligible for Youth Allowance hence studying full time.

Scholarships are generally paid for three years and are between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per year.

Applications for 2014 open in August 2013 and close on 31 October 2013.

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'Nobu' Sous Chef, Rinett Burnett and four apprentices from various outlets in Crown at MSHS.

After a whirlwind 24 hours, the students were then back on the bus for the grand finale expo in the ballroom at Crown. The students listened to the inspiring story from keynote speaker Lloyd Hayes who flew in from London where he works at Jamie Oliver's 'Fifteen' restaurant. A couple of NSHS students were fortunate enough to get some one on one time with him.



Maekara Bratten with Lloyd Hayes



Following the expo the students were then treated to a Chinese banquet with some exquisite vegetable carvings to help further their industry knowledge.

On the final day NSHS students produced a mouth watering White Chocolate Fudge Tart with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream for the students and principals of MSHS, while MSHS students whipped up a Ham and Cheese Chicken Involtini with Fettuccine and Agresto. A great time was had by all and new and old friendships were formed and renewed. A special thank you goes out to Jill Warner for her tireless help putting the

students to bed and to Dean Gurr – aka "The Immobilizer" for providing the comedy.

This trip would not have been able to happen without the support and generosity of Heidi Astbury, Avon Youth, Jo Drayton, Ian Westmore, Rustik Rainbow, Denese Smyth and Shane Malek.



NSHS students proudly showing their Pork Katsu with Teryaki Sauce and steamed vegetables with a Crown apprentice.

*Ms Justine Campbell
Hospitality Teacher*