

High School Highlights

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NSHS Band Presents Music from Les Miserables



The French Revolution was recreated on Friday 29 November in the Gym. Members of the Senior and Junior bands dressed as French peasants and performed four songs from the musical "Les Miserables". It was an astonishing performance by our amazing music students and Miss Kerrigan who played the part of Madam Liberty with aplomb. The evening also included performances by a Blues Trio, an Eighties Rock Band, Singing Group and the Junior and Senior Bands. The Senior Band was asked to encore with "Panthers in the Sky" which won them an Excellent at the WA Band Festival earlier in the year. The Gym was decorated with the Red White and Blue of the French Flag and a beautiful supper was enjoyed by everyone at the end of the concert. Congratulations must go to all the students and Miss Kerrigan on an amazing concert. Many thanks to Rob Kearsley for all his effort with Junior Band this year.

NAIDOC WEEK Narrogin Primary, East Narrogin Primary and Narrogin Senior High School celebrated NAIDOC Week with a joint school assembly on Monday 25 November, followed by an Aspiration Day on Tuesday 26 November and an activity day on Wednesday 27 November.

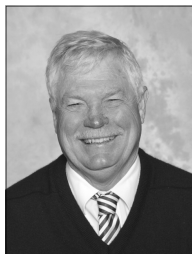
The 900 hundred students who squeezed into the High School Gymnasium watched in amazement as the Doorum Dancers took to the stage. Kiara Jones the Master of Ceremonies for the day introduced Basil Kickett, Joharnan Bolton and Lionel Whitby, who delivered an emotional Welcome to Country in Noongar language.

The students next watched Pop Revel's entertaining biography, this was followed by the DVD Wogyl Dreaming. The students also viewed the sand animation, Charnock Woman, created by our Noongar students and CANWA.

Ross Story closed the assembly with one minute silence in remembrance of past Noongar elders.

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The last few weeks have been a hive of activity and we have enjoyed an awesome musical performance by members of our School Band at their presentation evening; celebrated a wonderful NAIDOC week; recognised the sporting talents of our Sports Academy students and saw our teams undefeated in their recent cricket carnivals. These events have been a great way to finish the year.

Head Boy and Head Girl for 2014

Congratulations to Jade Stevenson-Marsh and Shannon Hall. Together with the other prefects I am sure that they will be worthy representatives for Narrogin SHS.

Beginning Teacher Of The Year

Congratulations to Ms Campbell for her outstanding achievement in being recognised as one of eight Beginning Teachers of the Year at the recent Education Awards.

Correspondence / Postage 2014

Parents and guardians are advised that the school will be reducing its postage costs in the future due to funding reductions and environmental considerations. This will result in students bringing correspondence home and less letters landing in your mail box. If an important notice or letter is handed to your child or emailed home a corresponding SMS will be sent to your mobile to let you know. Confidential letters will still be sent by post.

The Move of Year 7s to Narrogin Senior High School in 2015

Narrogin SHS is well prepared for the move of Year 7 students into the secondary setting. Early in 2014 all Year 5-7 students in our contributory primary schools will be asked to complete a survey to gauge their feelings and perceptions of high school life and their ideas about Narrogin SHS. Parents of students in Years 5 - 8 will also be asked for their views and concerns.

These confidential surveys will then be collated to ascertain how we can alleviate or implement strategies to remove any obstacles and/or overcome fears.

Transition Days are an important part of the familiarity process and for Year 6 and 7 students this will take throughout 2014. We are organizing when schools will visit and dates will be supplied in Term 1 next year.

Our specialist programs – Sports Academy and Music, will require students to apply and/or trial.

If you have any concerns or would just like to ask questions and feel assured then please do not hesitate to contact Ms Susan Pattullo, Year 7, 8 and 9 School Manager.

School Uniform

The School Council has approved some minor changes to our School Uniform. These changes were adopted as a result of parent, student and staff feedback. Parents will be informed of the changes early in Term 1, 2014.

Behaviour Management Plan

The School Council has approved changes to the Narrogin SHS Behaviour Management Plan. These will be implemented from the beginning of 2014. Students will be educated about these changes. The major change in our policy has been regarding the use of electronic devices. The revised policy can be viewed on our website.

Farewell

I would like to thank the following staff who are leaving for their contribution to the educational outcomes of students of Narrogin SHS:

Mr Gurr
Mrs Marek
Mr Burr
Ms Hollanda
Ms Cowcher

Mr Robins is taking 12 months leave in 2014.

Goodbye

It was a difficult decision to leave Narrogin at this exciting time in its history but I feel that it is timely for a new Principal to lead the next stage of the school's development. I have enjoyed an interesting, and at times challenging, two years here at Narrogin but I have seen it as a privilege and an honour to be associated with such a great school. It has been very rewarding to work with a committed staff and I have always been extremely proud of Narrogin students. Their excellent behaviour and achievements in a wide range of endeavours has made it all worthwhile.

Over the last two years, I have met many parents at a variety of parent evenings and school functions; and their interest and support has been much appreciated. It has been a pleasure to work alongside many parents in the P&C and School Council and I thank all of those people for their enthusiasm and commitment to getting things done.

I am confident that Narrogin Senior High School has a strong future and that the Performing Arts, Music and Administration building project will continue to raise our profile across the region.

The school is fortunate with the appointment of Mr Quartermaine as the Acting Principal for Semester One next year. The substantive principal's position will be advertised early in Term 2, 2014.



Preparations are continuing for the start of 2014. We are looking forward to the completion of the new music and performing arts centre. Thank you to all the students and parents who have contributed to our school in 2013. Narrogin has quality education programs in which students are achieving excellent results.

I would like to thank Mr Huts for his contribution to our school. He has had a significant impact and will be missed. I wish Alby all the best for the future.

Thanks also to Ms Clark, Mrs Lavan and Mrs Armstrong who have stepped up to fill relieving positions during Term 4.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to an exciting new year.

Mr Steve Quartermaine

NARROGIN ASPIRATION DAY

A joint partnership between Narrogin SHS and South Metro Youth Link (SMYL) saw the creation of our first Aspiration day for our upcoming Aboriginal students from Year 7 and our 8 – 10 cohort. Students were involved in a number of activities including a speed career session and talks from some special guest speakers.



The day was a celebration and promotion of our Local Noongar talents and experiences in the workplace to help inspire our students to dream big and reach for the stars.

The presenters for the speed career session included many of our local legends who gave up time in their day to give an insight into their careers and transition from school to work. Many thanks to Sonia Kickett, Scottie Ugle, Constable Swayne, Constable Priest, Erica McGuire, Carol Kickett, Josh Coles, Basil Kickett, Janice Kickett, Wayne Coles, Bernadette Garnier, Raelene Kickett, Ashley Garlett, Kris McDonald, Sophie and Duane from Marr Mooditj.

Olman Walley returned to share his personal story about his journey from school to create his own successful business that showcased his knowledge of aboriginal culture. His dancing has allowed him to travel the world and share his culture with other indigenous groups from Europe to America – he has even performed for the Queen!

We also had Scottie Ugle return to share his career story. After leaving Narrogin SHS, Scottie pursued a promising WAFL career, then with the support of Nyaarla to live in Perth to complete a carpentry apprenticeship. He then moved to a career with Landcorp as a Project Officer where he is currently employed. Scottie has also completed study through Curtin University as part of his employment. It was fantastic to see our young talent and hear about their progress, we are so fortunate to have them come back and share their time with us.



The students were able to actively participate in some fun activities with our guests and have had the seeds sown to let them think and plan for their own career and future aspirations.

Wednesday afternoon saw all the students at the school take part in a range of NAIDOC activities including: traditional Noongar Sports, Doll Making, Beading, Damper Making, Quandong Jam Production, Boomerang Painting Mosaic Art, Hip Hop Dancing, Traditional Aboriginal Dance and a Didgeridoo Workshop. Noongar parents cooked up a Kangaroo stew and damper storm. The feed was very popular with staff and students.

The closing assembly was the highlight of the week with the following students Eli Kickett, Raymond Storey, Nathan Ugle, Trevor Mead, Isiah Chongwee, Elijah Coleman, Reece Curphey and Ikey Mann performed a number of traditional dances accompanied by Olman Walley on the Didgeridoo and Ross Storey, boomerang tapping.



Brad, Jade, Tayla & Shannon

"just trust me....."



Shannon W - Yep I can really fly!



What, you want us to hold this rope!



Click Click



You want us to climb how high?



Brad deep in thought!



Shelby's Leap of Faith



The Time Machine



Darcy's Ninja



Shannon tackling the cargo net.

“You want us to climb how high?”

Nine newly elected prefects set off on Saturday 30 November to Byford where our challenging and exhilarating 2013 prefect camp began. We spent Saturday doing many activities that aimed to challenge us as individuals and a group. Some of these leadership activities included us travelling through time, staggering our way across a moving pontoon, trusting ourselves to walk across a single wire above a dam and going on a very large and very high flying fox. We later went back to our accommodation in Leederville where we walked down the street “window shopping”. We finished the night off with a yummy dinner of our choice and an insightful talk on decision making and some planning for exciting events coming in 2014.

Sunday saw an early start for all and we reluctantly boarded the bus to Challenge Stadium where we were faced with the biggest challenge of the weekend; the high ropes course. The motto was ‘Challenge by choice’ and although everyone managed to complete the course it was not done without difficulty. You had to trust your team on the ground in that they wouldn’t let go of our rope and you had to rely on all those on the ground for encouragement and reassurance that you could get past many of the highly difficult tasks you faced whilst a considerable distance off the ground. The last task at Challenge Stadium was the Leap of Faith. This activity involved scaling up a power pole, standing on a platform only big enough for two small feet and leaping with all our might to a trapeze two metres out. This task was not completed by all but those that did showed tremendous courage and bravery to stand on that swaying power pole.

Sunday afternoon saw two groups split off in Subiaco with a challenge: to go grocery shopping for ingredients we could use later that day. That evening our two groups were faced with the challenge of preparing a two course dinner for all. We had a splendid meal and both teams did a fantastic job, proven by the fact no one has food poisoning! We finished the night with another meeting where we planned in greater detail events for the coming year.

On Monday we made our way to Kings Park where we took a scenic walk around the park for a time, then made our way to a shady tree where some students presented a short speech for the position of head girl and boy. We then continued our walk back to our picnic area and enjoyed our homemade lunches, cookies and killer pythons. After our very relaxing morning we made our way through Perth traffic, made a quick pit stop at McDonalds for McFlurrys’ and continued our journey back to Narrogin.

A fantastic trip was enjoyed by all participants and we all learnt things about each other and many skills that will surely help each Prefect complete their role to the best of their ability next year. Thank you to the staff who organised and ran such a challenging weekend.

Shannon Hall

Academy Awards Presentation

CRICKET AWARD WINNERS

Top Student	8	Iszak Milentis
Class Award	8	Daniel Moore
Top Student	9	Cameron Hathaway
Class Award	9	Damion Johnson
Top Student	10	Dylan Kirk
Class Award	10	Trent McLean
Best Fielder	10	Reece Andrews

HOCKEY AWARD WINNERS

Top Student	8	Chloe Blight
Class Award	8	Jakeb Reardon
Class Award	8	Kayla O'Bree
Top Student	9	Nicholas Corner
Class Award	9	Renee Sieber
Top Student	10	Tayla Atkins
Class Award	10	Connor Page
Umpiring Award	10	Jarred Williams

NETBALL AWARD WINNERS

Top Student	8	Abbey Wilson
RU - Top Student	8	Jasmine McDonald
Class Award	8	Shay O'Neill
Class Award	8	Katrina Reynolds
Top Student	9	Shannon Bubb
RU - Top Student	9	Jessica Daniels
Class Award	9	Taya Olman
Class Award	9	Amy Coetzer

Top Student	10	Nova Garnier
RU - Top Student	10	Ayla Smith
Class Award	10	Mayavee Ozanne
Class Award	10	Sarah Van Elden

GENERAL AWARDS

Waldron Medal	Dylan Kirk
Commodore Award	Jade Bowron



Dylan Kirk



Jarred Williams



Iszak Milentis



Jade Bowron

World Skills Competition

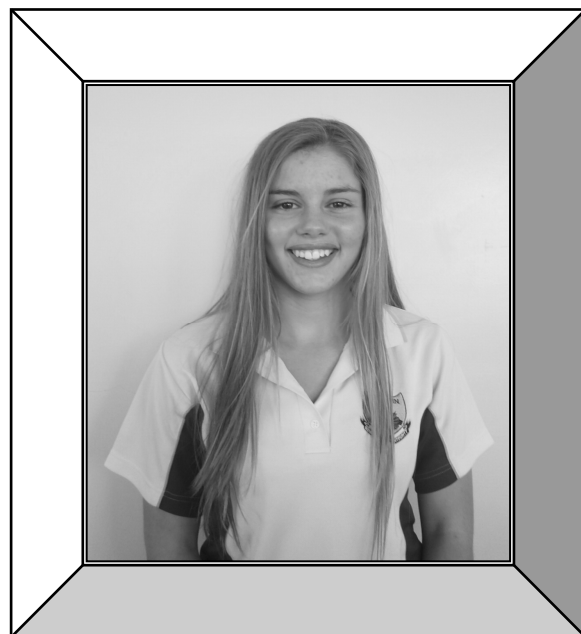
Shannon Hall (Year 11) recently entered the World Skills Competition. The event was held in Perth and she was competing against students from schools and TAFE courses around Western Australia.

Competitors showed off their Business skills and undertook a range of activities based on the Certificate III in Business syllabus.

Tasks given to Shannon included creating documents, filling, answering the telephone, applying knowledge of health and safety and diversity in the workplace.

Shannon did amazingly well and was placed in fifth place in the state wide competition.

Well done, Shannon!



Shelley Quartermaine, (Year 8) in September, auditioned for the 2014 Gondwana National Choral School, and has just received news of her acceptance into Gondwana Voices – following in the footsteps of her big sister, Hayley. Gondwana Voices is Australia's internationally renowned children's choir for treble singers aged 10-16, and performs with Australia's leading music ensembles (such as the Australian World Orchestra), tours internationally, performs at national events and records for ABC Classics. Shelley will spend two weeks training in Sydney in January, and also has a chance to be selected to travel to Taiwan in July to participate in the Taipei International Choral Festival, performing in Taipei and throughout Taiwan.

2014-2015
Gondwana
Voices
Choir



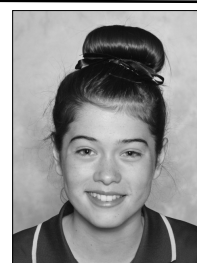
Congratulations!

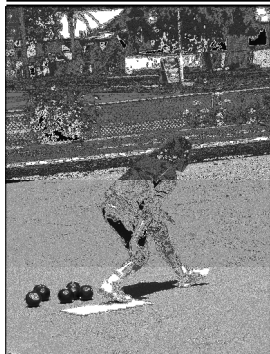
The Foundation and D'Arcy Slater Cups are prestigious Regional Tennis Tournaments held annually in each state of Australia with each Regional Zone invited to enter teams of their junior female and male tennis players aged thirteen and under. A composite team of girls and boys are selected to represent Western Australia in January each year.

Chosen for this year were Shelley Quartermaine, Marshall Henry and Mitchell Shalders. Prior to the event they have been attending training sessions and are to be commended for their dedication and the high level of sportsmanship they displayed both on and off court.

They have been wonderful ambassadors for their communities, families and Narrogin Senior High School.

Maree Heenan, Secretary - Upper Great Southern Tennis Association.





2013 Spring Carnival

The Carnival was by many accounts the best sports day they had attended.

The winning house on the day was Taurus with 766 points, followed by Leo (483), Scorpio (474) and Pisces (420).

The **badminton** was contested in 6 different competitions. The winning pairs were:

Year 8 Boy's:	<i>Jakeb Reardon & Ethan Hill</i>
Year 8 Girl's:	<i>Georgia Dyson & Meg Conway</i>
Year 9 Boy's:	<i>Dale Fazey & Sam Rowe</i>
Year 9 Girl's:	<i>Shanae Reynolds & Clare Walker</i>
Year 10 Boy's:	<i>Reegan Blyth & Jackson Davidson</i>

The **tennis** tournament held with the support of the Town's Tennis club had 77 entries. The winners were:

Year 8:	<i>Shelly Quartermaine & Marshall Henry</i>
Year 9:	<i>Zac Baker and Andrew Major</i>
Year 10:	<i>Trent McLean and Andrew Harris</i>

The **lawn bowls** was held with the support of the Narrogin Bowling Club. The winners were:

Boy's:	<i>Kallum Hughes & Caleb Pascoe</i>
Girl's:	<i>India Edwards & Shelby Steer</i>

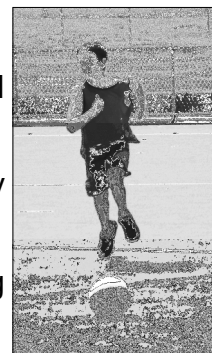
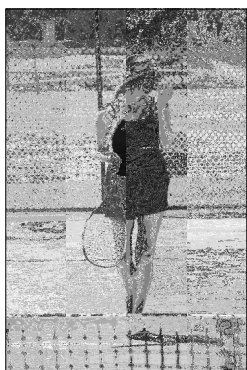
There were three **Team Sports** groups who played three different sports over the course of the day.

Students who scored highly for the day were: Top Boy:- Kyle Fairhead (22), Latitia Kickett (15), Elijah Coleman, Cody Smith and Emily Ballantyne.

Thankyou to the students and staff who thought *BIG*; and made the day the success it was.

Also thankyou to Mr Potts Year 8 maths class, who tallied the results of the carnival.

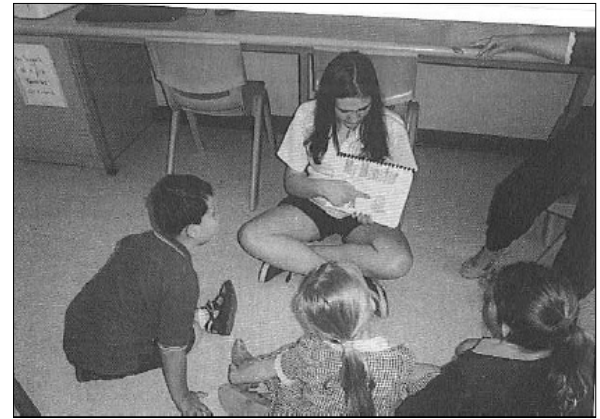
Mr Andrew Corner



NAIDOC WEEK



Yr 11 Child Care - Budding Authors



The Year 11 Child Care students after learning about the importance of language development in young children, wrote, illustrated and printed their own children's book.

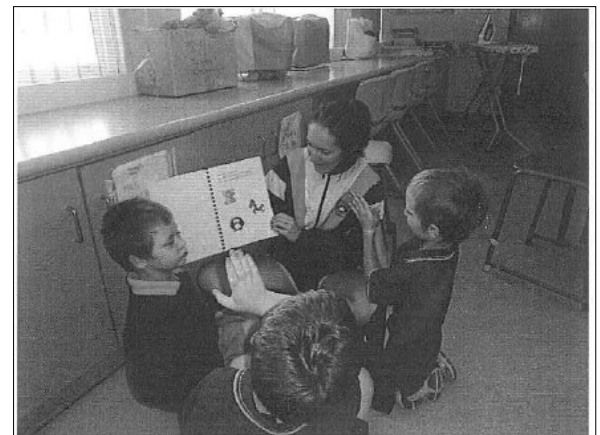
To test the popularity and interest value of their books we invited the East Narrogin pre primary students to the high school.

The students read their books to the Pre Primaries who appeared to love the activity.

The pre-primary students then sang some songs for the Yr 11 class to show their appreciation.

Students young and old enjoyed this activity.

Jenny Shepherd



Mr Dyson - Year 9 Leader

It's been a very rewarding year working with all of the Yr 9 students on both academic and extracurricular activities. I have found working with a wide variety of students on lots of issues that affect them challenging at times but always satisfying when the end result was better outcomes for our students. Lots of the students would say the big ticket items such as "Canberra Tour", "Country Week" and "Adventure World" were the highlights of the year. But for me the highlights are extending students, to whatever level, in their academic performance and personal growth. We can not control A grades or being the top student in a certain favourite class but we can control work rate and effort. If work rate and effort are high then all things fall into place, some over time and some quickly.

My mandate has been to inspire the Year 9 cohort to work beyond what's easy or quick to finish and seek out a level that they believed was unattainable. To work beyond what they believed was possible in all areas and taste some success which they have not tasted before. Again; this is not to be confused with A Grades as it's about improving you and the yard stick for measuring this type of success is all internal.

Mr Dyson's favourite list of quotes;

- When you want to succeed as much as you want to breathe, then you'll be successful.
- Like the milk in the fridge, your education has a used by date. While the milk is "in date" and you are at school you can return it if things go wrong. Once its "out of date" you are on your own and you have had your chance.
- Don't bite the hand that feeds you.
- Always pretend Mum is listening to every conversation you ever have.
- If you think something is cool, just because you think others will think it's cool – then it's a pretty safe bet that no one will think its cool.
- You need to sacrifice who you are now for who you will become.
- Some of you need to give up your mobile phone. The time you spend on your mobile is robbing you of your success, it's not of a redeemable value and it's giving you nothing but a bill. But someone told you that you couldn't live without it.
- Have no regrets – Failure is feedback, so use it wisely.

Have a great Christmas and New Year. Come back refreshed and ready to go into Yr 10 for the last step before upper school.

Paul Dyson

NOTICES



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The University of
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Gain a head start for Year 11 and 12... January School Holiday Courses

The Academic Enabling and Support Centre within The University of Notre Dame Australia is again providing low-cost school holiday courses mainly for students commencing Year 11 and 12 in 2014. Detailed enrolment information is online at www.nd.edu.au/january Places are limited.

Courses include:

Level 2C/D Mathematics
Level 2A/B English
Level 3A/B English Literature
Level 3A/B Phys Ed Studies
Grammar & Punctuation
Study Skills (Year 12)

Level 3A/B Mathematics
Level 3A/B English
Level 3A/B Human Biology
Chemistry Calculations
Study Skills (Year 11)
Study Skills (Parent's Night)

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

You may be eligible for up to

\$350 towards school expenses.

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Applications close Friday 11 April 2014

Academic Task Force

Churchlands and Rossmoyne

WACE HEADSTART

(Yrs 11 - 12)

(Yrs 7 - 10)

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Uniform Shop Hours for 2014

The Uniform Shop will be open during the following times:

- **Thursday 30 January & Friday 31 January**
9am - 3.30pm
- ♦ **Monday 3 February**
8am - 12.00 noon

Normal trading hours after that will be:

Tuesday & Thursday mornings from
8.30am - 11.15am.

Uniform Concepts will be operating the Uniform Shop as of the 30th January.

Eftpos will be available and you can order in advance from 15 January 2014 by contacting the school on 9881 9300.

School Development Days 2014

Tuesday	3	June
Monday	21	July
Monday	13	October
Friday	28	November
Friday	19	December

School Terms 2014

TERM 1	03 February	11 April
TERM 2	28 April	04 July
TERM 3	22 July	26 September
TERM 4	14 October	18 December

School Ball March 14 2014

GO HEALTH

Sun Safety

Summer is just around the corner and the warmer weather means that we often spend more time outside. So now is the time to remember the Sun Smart message and put it into practice.

- 1) **Slip** on some sun protective clothing. Look for:
Clothing that covers as much skin as possible
Materials that have a close weave for higher UV Protection
Materials that maintain their sun protective value when wet, such as lycra.
 - 2) **Slop** on SPF 30+ sunscreen
Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going outdoors to clean, dry skin
Reapply every two hours or more often if in water, sweating or towel drying
Remember your lips. A zinc or lip balm will provide longer lasting protection than a cream.
 - 3) **Slap** on a hat
Broad brimmed hats with a brim of at least 7.5cm
Bucket or 'surfie' style hats with a deep crown and brim of at least 6cm
Legionnaire hats with a flap that covers the back of the neck
 - 4) **Seek** shade
Find shade that casts a dark shadow such as trees, built shade structures or some form of portable shade
 - 5) **Slide** on some sunglasses. Look for:
Frames that fit close to the face
Wrap around styles that reduce UV entering from the sides
Sunglasses that meet Australian standards.
- As parents you can talk to your children about sun safety and teach them good sun protection habits from an early age.

For more information contact your School Health Nurse or see the Cancer Council website www.cancer.org.au

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A big thankyou to the fantastic students and the tireless efforts of the Education Assistants during our Woodwork class this year.

The motivation and development of skills have been wonderful. Here is a small selection of final projects designed and made by our students this year.

Education Support

Guy Robins

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year

