

APEX TEEN FASHION AWARDS

On Friday the 5 of September the Narrogin/Wagin/Katanning Heat of the Apex Teen Fashion Awards was held at the Town Hall in Wagin. This year it was Wagin's turn to host the event which was well organised by Wagin Art teacher Shaun Vandenberg. The entrants from our school were year 10s and 12s who looked like professional fashion models as they strutted their stuff to the delight of the big audience. Teachers, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends joined to encourage the students in what is quite a daunting task of modelling their own garment. Descriptions of their garments and their hopes and dreams were read to the audience to give us some insight as to who these girls really are. All the things the girls had been worried about such as 'what if I fall off the stage' or 'what if I forget what to do' or 'what if I trip over the hem of my dress' etc, etc didn't happen and afterwards even the most nervous girls said 'it was fun can I do it again'.

The Apex Awards are an Australia wide competition with heats in all city and regional areas. The girls had worked hard since the beginning of term 2 and all looked gorgeous. They all deserved to win but of course there can only be a few finalists to go on to the State Finals in Perth.

Day Wear finalists are Sam Dawes, Tahlia Milentis, Lauren Rayner, Shae-Lee Thompson and Brianna Watt

The Evening Wear finalist is Courtney Shepherd.

Winners in Perth will go on to the National Finals in Melbourne.

Good luck to all those finalists who go on to the State finals to be held at the Hyatt in Perth on Sunday 21 September.

Congratulations to all participating students who did a great job of representing not only Narrogin Senior High School but young people in general.

Helen Sivyer

Jesamyn Douglas, Phoebe Davis Shanelle Kenney,
Shenae Reynolds and
Samantha Dawes - Day Wear Finalist

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Mr Stephen Quartermaine

PRINCIPAL

What a fantastic Open Day and Fair. I sincerely thank Jo Woodruff who was the driving force behind the fantastic displays and events of the day. Our school staff rose to the challenge and ensured that the day was a success. This is a very important event for Narrogin Senior High School as it is an opportunity for members of the community to see the fantastic opportunities available to our students and the skills they develop.

On Wednesday 17 September I attended a School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) award ceremony. Narrogin Senior High School was recognised with an Award of Excellence for outstanding service and dedication to the safety and welfare of young people in WA through sustained, annual delivery of road safety education and the keys for Life Pre-driver Education Program. The HPE staff are to be congratulated on their dedication to the welfare of our students. Andrew Pratt has been delivering the program to our students since 2003. Our student services team organised a day of activities on Wednesday 17 September. The theme was CHAT and RuOK.

Our Indonesian visitors have returned home after two weeks in Narrogin. Ibu Yunarni, Deputy Principal of Man 4 College, Djakarta, and Ibu Eva and English teacher and four students experienced life in the Wheatbelt region and gave our students an insight into Indonesian culture. Barrie Stewart, Michelle Sicilliano and Brooke Rintoul and Steve Lally ensured that our visitors were looked after during their visit.

Recently our new prefects were elected. Thank you to our outgoing prefects and student councillors and our Head girl Shannon Hall and Head boy Jade Stevenson-Marsh. We appreciate their positive contribution to Narrogin Senior High School, making NSHS a better place for students and staff.

Our Year 12 students are getting very close to the end. ATAR students are beginning their final school exams and VET students have 2 weeks to complete their courses, to turn those Bs into As. I wish all the year 12s the best of luck for their exams and the end of the year and thank them on behalf of the school for their contribution to Narrogin Senior High School.

The Apex Teenage Fashion awards were held in Wagin recently. Narrogin was well represented with six students selected for the state finals on 21 September. Helen Sivyer and Jenny Shepherd and the students were a credit to our school.

Taylor Warner a member of our Hospitality course has been selected for the finals of the Hospitality Group Training "Taste of the Future" schools Cooking Competition. Taylor competed in a cook off at Belmont City College Trade Training Centre - on Thursday 18 September 2014, judged by a panel of leading Perth chefs. The prize for the winner is an apprentice scholarship valued at \$3000 worth of Training College fees plus additional cash prizes for other place getters. The schools attended by the top five finalists will also receive a \$1000 voucher for kitchen / cooking equipment for their school. We look forward to the result.



*I*t is the time now where we prepare to say good bye to our Year 12s. I spoke to this group of students reminding them of our motto 'Advance with Integrity' and what it means to see their final days of their schooling with Integrity. I also thanked the Year 12s for making my transition into my role a pleasant one and that I have enjoyed this year more so I believe due to the Year 12s being welcoming, mature and delightful to be around. I do wish them all the success in their future endeavours.

I was so impressed with the NSHS Open and Market Day. It is a first for me and was thrilled with the wider school community collaborating to produce such a wonderful event. I received feedback from participants, stall holders and general public on how wonderful the day was and how our students were ever so helpful and respectful. This day did not happen on its own and it is the help and support the school receives from parents and community members that make the day such a success. Appreciation to all that helped out on the day.

Narrogin Academic Extension Program (NAEP) is being revitalised with formal testing taking place as part of the application. As there seems to be an increase in the number of applications we now hold two testing sessions. The first was on our Open Day and the next one will be on Saturday 1 November 2014. The English exam will be at 9.30am and the Maths exam will be on 11.00am. Letters will be sent out to those applicable. If you wish to have you child apply for the NAEP please phone Carolyn Potts on 9881 9300 for details.

I have had many a discussion with students and parents in regard to subjects for 2015 and it is important for Year 10s to finish the year with the best possible marks they can receive in preparation for Year 11. The most difficult transition in school is between Years 10 – 11, particularly into ATAR in terms of the level of work and commitment, not dismissing non ATAR as the amount of work that is required to be completed and submitted is also an increase from Year 10. To be prepared students need to have solid practices in place before they start Year 11.

I would like to take the opportunity of congratulating Mr Stephen Quartermaine on gaining the position of Principal of Narrogin Senior High. This is great news for the school, providing stability and allowing the school to continue the journey that Stephen has put in place.

Wish everyone a safe and happy break and look forward to Term 4.

TERM DATES

October 14	School Commences for Term 4
October 21	Year 12s Last Day
October 22	Year 12 Dinner
October 24	Narrogin Residential College Presentation Pd5,6
October 24	Yr 12 Presentation Evening
November 3	WACE Exams begin



Ms Maxine Clark

LOWER SCHOOL DEPUTY

NAPLAN RESULTS

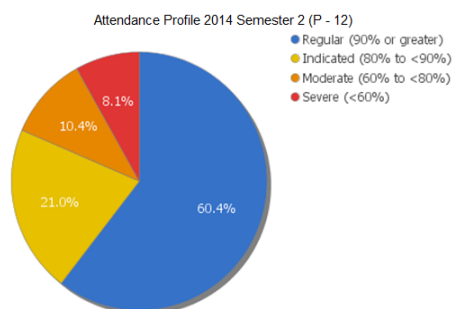
Staff are currently reviewing student NAPLAN reports. Parents will receive their child's individual report as well as an information brochure that explains how to read the report. Student results will also be available to staff, providing staff with another tool to review student progress and inform the development of educational programs to meet current needs of students. Students who have not achieved band 8 in numeracy, writing or reading will be required to sit the Online Literacy and Numeracy test in March 2015. The Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment has been designed by the school Curriculum and Standards Authority to enable students to meet the minimum standard for Literacy and Numeracy required to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education.

ATTENDANCE

Please remind your child to attend form class each day. Not attending form results in you receiving a SMS text stating your child has not turned up to school. This often causes unnecessary stress for parents and staff, whilst checking to see if students are present or not. In a school of 600 students this can be a time consuming process. It is important we remind students of the importance of attending form class every day.

Remember to encourage your child to attend school regularly. Decreasing attendance rates is a state-wide problem and student achievement is being affected. You cannot be taught or learn new concepts if you are not at school. Attendance letters are sent home once per fortnight for students who have unexplained absences. If you receive a letter please contact the school to explain why your child was absent. This in turn allows the school to keep accurate, up to date attendance records.

The current Semester two attendance records are below.



UNIFORM

The uniform shop has in stock the new school pants and shorts. In 2015 we will be expecting students to be wearing the school shorts and pants. Please be mindful of this when purchasing school clothes for child.

NOTE: Year 10 students in 2015 will be wearing the Upper School uniform.

THINK BIG AWARDS

Senior School - Lourette Greyling



Tayla Atkins

Lower School - Kalum Outram



Aboriginal Aspiration Day 2014

Students from Years 7 – 10 participated in the second aspiration event held at the Residential College on Thursday 7 August. The day focuses students to plan and reflect upon their current and future pathways and careers. We nurture a strong desire for each student to achieve individual goals whilst in school and to transition to employment or further study. Students are exposed to a wide variety of speakers and presenters who are willing to share their experiences and testimonials to support the aspirations of our aboriginal students.

A notable highlight from student feedback was the speed careering sessions where students rotated round small focus groups for 10 minutes each, listening to the speakers personal career journey. They provided useful information about their representative organisation and career pathways available for students to consider. Speakers included Primary Health, AIME, Basil Kickett, Relationships Australia, AHEAD Project – Curtin University, Laycee Coles, CYO'Connor Institute, Janice Kickett, Fred Penny and Perth NAIDOC Community person of the year Ashley Garlett.

Students also enjoyed viewing Olman Walley and his group the Doorum Dancers in action performing the 'Honey Bee' and "Boomerang' dances. He discussed with the students the importance of 'not to be shame' and to always give things a go – you never know what the outcome will be if you really try. Fred Penny gave a humorous and uplifting insight into his world of social work and song writing.

A new addition to the program saw an interview session with home grown students and current trainees Teangi Garnier and Che-Anne Turvey. The students discussed the transition from school to training covering the highs and lows. They gave some great advice to the audience and encouraged the students to stay at school, try new ideas and attend every day. Any students interested in pursuing a traineeship should discuss further with Mr Davis or our amazing students.

The program concluded with a hands on session run by AIME where the students took part in their show – AIMEs Got Talent! The students certainly jumped in to be involved in creating some funky hip raps about themselves and their school with the awesome team from AIME and their deadly beats.

We would like to thank all of the speakers and presenters who gave their time freely to discuss their ideas and advice with our students. Huge congratulations to the Aboriginal Student Leadership group who assisted in the set-up and logistics of the day, these bright young leaders will be planning more events for our school community over the next semester. Without such great support from local aboriginal families and the wider community, events like this would not happen.

Prema Sexton

Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.



NAB CUP

The NAB Cup is contested between local district high schools and the hockey academy. The DH students are preparing for their Country Week so its great preparation to play on the towns synthetic hockey pitch and against quality opposition.

This year's Academy teams were drawn from the Year 8&9 classes.

One of the goals of the school's Sports Academy is to develop capacity in students so that they can contribute on and off field to their local sporting communities. The highlight for me (Mr Corner) was our students umpiring, coaching and administrating the carnival to a high standard even with the weather providing a challenge for us.

We fielded 2 teams in the boys competition and 2 in the girls. We won both divisions and the winning teams are pictured.



Buchanan Cup Runners Up 2014

The Buchanan Cup is the peak hockey tournament in WA for school girls and is named after Olympic Gold Medalist and former Australian Captain Sharon Buchanan.

Sharon was selected in four Olympics from 1980-1992, including a Gold Medal at the Seoul Games.

The girls played Bunbury Cathedral Grammar, Shenton College and Perth Ladies College to qualify for the final.

We played Penrhos in the final and lost 2-0.

Highlights of the day included Courtney Perkins and Chloe Blight making their debut for the school and scoring in their first games.

Thank you to Mrs Atkins for all her help with the team at Country Week and at the Buchanan Cup and to Mr Davis for driving the bus.



David Bell Cup

David Bell Cup is the peak hockey tournament for school boys in WA.

We played against Como SC, Nagle Catholic College, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar and Shenton College.

Every game was closely contested- however we finished fourth on percentage.

Highlights for the coaching staff included Liam Sweeney (Yr 8) playing centre half and Blake Warburton's 4 goal a game effort.

Thank you to Mr Davis for driving the bus and the P&C sports Academy for subsidising the cost of the day.

COME AND TRY TENNIS DAY



On Wednesday 3 September, Noongar students were invited to the Evonne Goolagong “Come and try tennis day” held at the Narrogin Tennis Club.

Upon arrival, students were given a shirt which most students got personally autographed by Evonne. Shortly after, students were formally introduced to the former world no. 1 and Wimbledon champion who spoke of how she got her start in tennis. Encouraged by her father who gave her a wooden paddle shaped from a piece of wood off an old apple crate, Evonne would hit a ball against a brick wall as many times as she could. She would mark her score in the dirt only to come back the next day to try and beat that score. She steadily improved as she got older and it was at a local tournament where she was spotted as a potential champion and was given the training she required to make it as a professional.

Although good enough to compete on the international circuit, Evonne chose to finish school and then went on to complete a secretarial course so that she had some skills to fall back on should her tennis career not work out. At the age of 18, she followed her

dream of playing professional tennis and forged a successful career in the sport culminating in wins at both the French Open and Wimbledon among her 92 career victories.

Evonne said that although she can no longer play herself, her dream now is to encourage as many indigenous kids as possible to pick up a tennis racquet, complete their schooling and achieve to their highest potential. With that in mind, students hit the court to try tennis for themselves. Specialist coaches taught them the basics so that by the end of the day, students were capable of having a rally with each other. Everyone came together at the end for a couple of different games using the skills learnt throughout the day. Then it was time for a group photo!

Mrs Sarah Hennessey-Park



ADF CAREER



**Leading Seaman Ryan Wilton and Bombardier Ryan D'Costa
Came and spoke to the Senior school students.**

8 Ball City Vs Country State team Playoffs

Kyra Rikys competed in the junior Pool Championships on Saturday 30 August at Federation Headquarters.

Kyra was 7th overall in the State Trials and 4th in the Under 14s.

She was selected to represent the Country team but due to her going on the school Canberra Tour she will not be competing.



ELECTORAL COMMISSION COMES TO NSHS

NSHS students once again went to the polls to elect Prefects and Student Councillors. This year there was a strong number of nominees for positions in each year group. Nominees had to firstly gain the support of their Student Managers (Year Leaders) to be eligible to nominate, then deliver a short “Election Speech” to students in their Year group.

Brendon from the Electoral Commission officiated on Election Day with current Prefects and Student Councillors assisting him. The election was run along the same lines as an Official Government Election. Students had their names checked off the role and then took their ballots to the polling booth to confidentially mark their paper after which they placed their voting slip in the locked ballot boxes provided by the electoral commission. These boxes were then taken back to the commission in Perth where officials there counted the votes using the Preferential Voting system.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

Prefects: Jordy Medlen, Henry Hussey, Juanita O’Neill, Peter Kirby, Robert Halam, Olivia Dorn, Emily Ballantyne, Caleb Murray, Jacqui Ozanne

Student Councillors: Casey Walker, Brooklyn Drayton, Ben Tinley, Russell Cowcher, Paddy Armstrong-Hetzel, Shaun Samson, Jasmin McDonald, Ionie Hall, Lauren Rayner, Sorcha Armstrong-Hetzel, Connor Earnshaw and Bon Lucev.



School Partnerships Build Aboriginal Leadership Program

Narrogin SHS together with CY O'Connor Institute have developed an opportunity for Year 10 and 11 Aboriginal students to prepare for their transition to possible School Based Traineeships or further study. The Leadership Course is a Certificate I in Leadership for year 10 students and a Certificate II in Leadership for Year 11 students with 9 students currently enrolled.

The course is delivered by lecturer Thea Buckley from Northam with the support of well-known locals Raelene Kickett - Aboriginal Development Officer and Anne Kickett – Aboriginal Programs Assistant from CY O'Connor. Thea is new to our school community and is a Koori woman, born and raised in the Wheatbelt. She has been working in Aboriginal Education and Training for approximately 10 years now and started her career as an Aboriginal Trainee at the Midlands District Education Office.

- Health and safety of self and others
- Workplace safety
- Self development
- Leadership skills
- Effective working relationships
- Social diversity
- Communication
- Daily work activities
- Enterprising projects
- Communicating electronically
- Operating a personal computer
- Producing simple word documents
- Using business technology
- Problem solving
- Citizenship

Currently students are gaining the required knowledge and skills to competently complete the assessments that accompany the course. While this has meant a lot of classroom and computer work, the students will be going on an excursion in a few weeks to look at Parliament House and check out the Skills West Expo.

The projects the group hope to develop together include:

- Transition for year 6/7 students to high school - picture tour of the high school, mentoring activities, trips to the primary schools, sports clinics
- Chat Day activities - aboriginal painting, didge playing and dancing
- Family tree and morning tea
- Putting together a functioning band

We warmly welcome Thea, Raelene and Anne to the school and wish the Year 10 and 11 Leadership group all the best with their upcoming projects.



NOTICES



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health
WA Country Health Service

Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Year 8 School Vaccination Program

Community Nurses from Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service will be visiting Narrogin Senior High School on **Tuesday 28th October 2014** to give Year 8 students their third dose of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine.

Only students whose parents have given consent for their vaccination at school will be vaccinated.

Please contact your School Health Nurse if there have been any changes in your student's health since you completed the Vaccination Consent Form in term 1.

If you have any concerns or queries about these vaccinations please contact **Jo Cook - School Health Nurse on ph. 9881 9330, or Gail Davies – Senior Community Nurse on ph. 9881 0385.**



Footwear Recommendations

When choosing a shoe we need to consider the foot in respect of support, growth and development.

Support

Shoes need to have a firm support at the heel, many shoes are available that do not have adequate reinforcement in this area. If it is possible to fold the back of the shoe down to the sole when it is new, the shoe is not adequate to provide the required amount of support.

Growth

A young person's shoe needs to be carefully fitted to ensure that there is enough room to allow for growth, without wearing shoes that are too large. "Handed down" shoes may exacerbate foot problems, so this practice is not advised. An appropriate shoe will hold the heel at the back of the shoe, with either laces or a strap; and allows adequate room for the toes to move.

Recommended Shoes

Leather lace up with firm heel support and flexible soles.

Leather sandal with closed heel.

Sports shoes with leather and nylon upper and non-plasticised leather upper.

Desert boots with firm heel support to prevent side movement.

For more information contact your school nurse or the Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service on 9881 0385.

Notre Dame October School Holidays Outreach Programs

Topics included are:

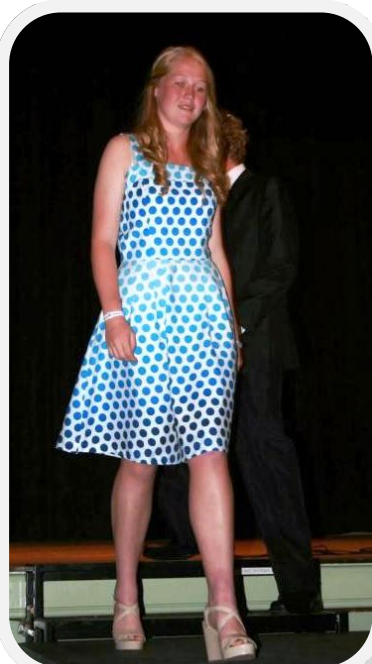
- Year 10 Upper School English: getting prepared for Year 11 and 12 WACE English
- Year 11 Upper School English: doing Year 11 English? Now sharpen your academic reading and writing skills
- Year 12 WACE Mathematics: revising Mathematics 2C or getting a head start for Maths 2C next year
- Year 11 Study Skills: for Year 10s wanting to succeed in Year 11 with less effort!
- Year 12 Study Skills: for Year 11s wanting to succeed in Year 11 with less effort!

Additional information can be accessed via our website:
http://www.nd.edu.au/academic_support/october-school-holiday-courses

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Shae-Lee Thompson
Day Wear Finalist



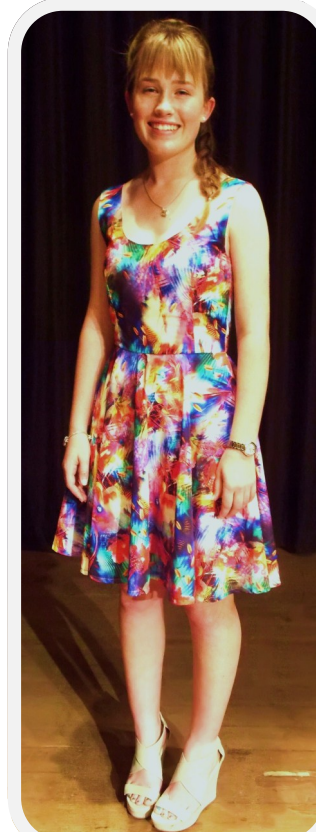
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