



NSHS DUX 2014

Bradley Walliss



Dux Bradley Walliss, Principal Mr Stephen Quartermaine and Runner Up Dux Shannon Walliss

NSHS Presentation Evening farewells Class of 2014

Over 500 family, friends and community members filled the Narrogin Senior High School gymnasium on Friday 24 October to celebrate the completion of thirteen years of schooling for the Year 12 class of 2014.

Master of Ceremonies, Clyde Goodenough opened proceedings by commenting: "In 2010 we had the pleasure of guiding a unique group of students through their first year of High School. Some students have left and some have joined us along the way. It is pleasing to now stand here in front of the class of 2014, a mature and respectful group of young adults. This evening allows us the opportunity to acknowledge the significant achievement of these young adults completing their Secondary Education. It also signifies the last time we celebrate together as members of the Narrogin Senior High School community with the Year 12 Class of 2014. Tonight we will also recognise the outstanding students who have received high achieving accolades in their efforts this year."

Continued on back page



Mr Stephen Quartermaine

PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome to Mr Andrew Symington on winning the Deputy Principal position at Narrogin Senior High School. Andrew has had extensive experience as a deputy and will be a valuable asset to our school. Mr Mathew Harding has been appointed to Science and Mr Greg Moon to Maths while Mr Johnson and Mr Potts are on Long Service leave.

The first few weeks of Term 4 have been very busy. The year 12 Dinner, Presentation night, the 50th reunion of the class of 1964, Narrogin Spring Festival and the beginning of Transition for Year 6 and 7 students.

A large commitment by many staff members have ensured that all the events mentioned above ran very smoothly and enhanced the proud traditions of Narrogin Senior High School.

Brodie Melchiorre, Jill Warner, Sue Castle, Jenny Shepherd, HPE staff, Melanie Kerrigan, Clyde Goodenough and many others ensured that the Year 12 presentation night was such a success.

Congratulations to all the award winners including our Dux Bradley Walliss, Runner Up Dux Shannon Walliss and VET Dux Annie Antonie. A full list of award winners is inside the newsletter. Our graduation rate of 80% for our Aboriginal students is very pleasing and a credit to the students and the staff and families who have supported them.

Justine Campbell, Che Turvey, Diane Quartermaine, Sandii Stankovic, Jill Warner and Laura Cheetham looked after our 50th Reunion guests in the HillTop Café. The school tour and the vibrant discussions brought back many fond memories. The former students were in awe of the fantastic facilities that our students have access to and the educational opportunities available to them.

With the WACE examinations just a week away I wish all of our students the best of luck. The work that they have put in will hold them in good stead.

Congratulations to Taylor Warner. Taylor won the prestige's Hospitality Group Training Taste of the Future Competition. 78 students from around the state competed in a My Kitchen Rules type event with Taylor being declared the winner. Taylor demonstrated the fantastic outcomes being achieved in the HillTop Café.

We are currently conducting three surveys to reflect on how well we are meeting the needs of our students, staff and parents. The surveys provide information to the state and federal governments as well as our staff about life at Narrogin Senior High School.

Year 12 students and staff have already completed their surveys. Students from other years will soon get their chance and information for parents is included in this newsletter. I encourage you to complete the survey to have your say.

Planning is well underway for 2015. Several jobs have been advertised and appointments made. Our Year 6 and 7 transition program is in full swing and is providing students with a good understanding of the requirements of high school and the support that is available to them next year.



So we come to the culmination of the school year's work whereby we see the end very close. It is usually at this time of the year things speed up as the end approaches. You will no doubt find that correspondence has already begun regarding next year, such as subject selections, transition days, book lists and so on whilst we are still going about the business of teaching, assessing and reporting.

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

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

Saying farewell to the Year 12s is always a rite of passage that is bitter sweet. I am fortunate to start my time here at NSHS with such a wonderful group of Year 12s. Their compassionate nature is commendable and I sincerely wish them the best of luck in all their endeavours, and do look forward to the successes that are achieved by this group, as I am confident there will be many.

It might be a timely reminder that students succeed at school with the support of the whole community. This includes the staff, parents, support staff, auxiliary staff, local business, TAFE and so on. The school council also plays an integral role so I strongly encourage you to vote for the parent representatives that have been nominated to join the school council. This information has been included in this newsletter.

LOWER SCHOOL DEPUTY**Mr Andrew Symington**

Firstly, can I thank the staff and students who have welcomed me to the school so far since beginning last Wednesday. Over the past few years I have had somewhat to do with Narrogin SHS in my previous role as Deputy at Boddington District High School and it is fantastic to be able to see former students and how they have matured, and also renew contact with staff whom I have known during that time.

Secondly, at this stage, there are only a few weeks to go until the end of the year and that time will fly by very, very quickly. One of the primary aspects of which I'd like to remind students is that there is still time to improve grades, demonstrate better behaviour and strive to end the year on a higher note. Teachers are in the process of beginning their reporting and assessment of students, and I'm sure that a renewed focus towards study will help immeasurably when the final grades are calculated. I know I always wanted to go home and present a good report to my mother, as I think I received the princely sum of \$1.00 per 'A' grade back then. Of course, \$1.00 went a whole lot further in buying lollies etc in my teenage years. \$1.00 won't even buy an iTunes song these days.

It has also been great to witness the wonderful work which has been happening for the transition of students in Years 6 & 7, as they ready themselves for entering high school next year. The events have been well organised and I look forward to the remaining transition days as they approach. Can I also comment the Aboriginal students who participated in the Noongar Pop Culture. Fantastic work and you are an inspiration to others.

As I have said in my previous schools, my door is always open for students who wish to come and have a chat. It is a bigger school than Boddington and I will endeavour to remember as many names as possible, so please forgive me if I stumble and don't get your name correct the first time.

My background is in music, having played the violin since I was five, but I enjoy all genres of music. I am an avid scuba diver, enjoy cooking (so the TTC better watch out), playing squash and pottering about in the vegetable garden at home.

Please enjoy the rest of the term ... stay out of trouble ... and I look forward to meeting you all at some stage in the near future.

YEAR 11 PREFECTS FAREWELL OUR 2014 YEAR 12 STUDENTS



The newly elected Year 11 Prefects put on a wonderful Farewell Dinner for the departing Year 12 class. They decorated the Hilltop Café with a vintage theme and served pink lemonade mocktails on the balcony to guests as they arrived. Students were then invited into the restaurant to enjoy a scrumptious two course smorgasbord meal prepared by Chef Justine Campbell and the Year 11 Hospitality class.

Throughout the evening, guests were entertained by three musical items delivered by several Year 12 students. Jade Stevenson Marsh, Blessing Chengerai and Kyle Grundy performed “Tenacious D”, followed by Alex Wilson with “Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door” and then finally Crystal Gale who sang “You Ruin Me”. Year 12 Student Leader Miss Melchiorre spoke one last time to the students in the form of a Toast and Shelby Kiddle and D’arcy Coad responded. Science Teacher Mr Alan Hall delivered the traditional and much looked forward to “NSHS Fairy Tale”. A toast was made to the School by Head students Shannon Hall and Jade Stevenson Marsh and the Principal, Mr Quartermaine responded accordingly. Prefects Brad Walliss and Naomi MacLeod shared Master of Ceremonies Duties for the event.



It was a wonderful evening, one which gave students and staff an opportunity to enjoy a relaxed chat and some laughter over a lovely meal. Thank you to all of those people involved in the planning and running of this event.

Sue Castle



THE CANBERRA/ SYDNEY STUDY TOUR 2014



9 Days
2 Cities
48 Students
4 Staff Members

.....

.....



.....

.....

Art
Snow
Sport
Politics
'Sunrise'



Electoral
Museums
Dinosaurs
The Rocks
Embassies
Waxworks
Questacon



Geoscience
Night walks
Laser Games
Opera House
Home & Away
War Memorial
Harbour Bridge



And much, much
more.....



SCIENCE, SPACE AND ENGINEERING TOUR



During the holidays, 34 students participated in the USA Tour to Los Angeles, Orlando and Washington DC. The tour focused on Science, Space and Engineering.

At Universal Studios, we found out the secrets behind Hollywood special effects through the ages, from painted glass to green screens, robotics and motion capture technology. After a tour of the film sets, including a meeting with a temperamental mechanical shark from the Jaws movies, we witnessed 3D sets from King Kong and Bones, tried out the latest in animatronics and 3D thrills on Jurassic Park and

Transformers, before being turned into minions from Despicable Me.

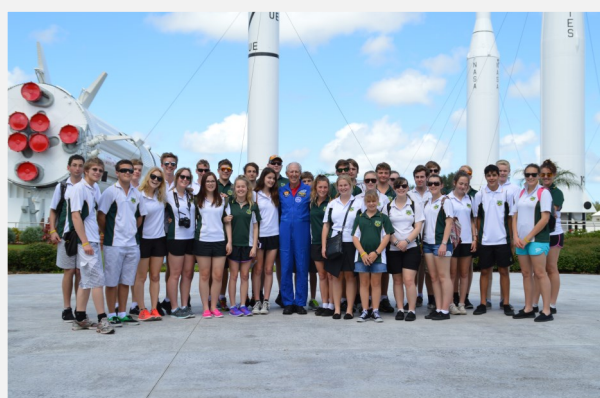
Next, we hit the Hollywood Hills to check out the homes of celebrities, and even though we didn't see Katie Perry or Bruno Mars at home, we were amazed by the spectacular San Andreas Fault and the excellent examples of folding and faulting.

Behind the scenes at Disneyland, we studied the work of "Imagineers". What makes a ride exciting? Theming is nice, but it's all about the Physics. Find out how electromagnetic induction can be used to accelerate a roller coaster from 0 to 88kph in just 4 seconds and you'll have something to think about

while you are whizzing along, hanging upside down and generally screaming your lungs out on the aptly named California Screamin'. Next, grab your accelerometer and check out the lateral g forces on Goofy's Flying School crazy mouse. Make sure you're thinking about how counterbalances, pulleys and cables accelerate even faster than free fall as you drop 52m in the Hollywood Tower of Terror. Students got to build their own rollercoasters, well miniatures at least, to try out some of their engineering skills.

At NASA's Kennedy Space Centre, we were enthralled by the rocket garden, full of actual rockets that have fallen back from space, a tour of the rocket assembly and launch facilities, launch control and recovery areas, before getting up close and personal with the enormous Saturn 5 rocket which launched the Apollo Astronauts to the moon. We enjoyed a formal lunch with Astronaut Bob Springer, veteran of two Shuttle Missions.

In DC we dropped on to Capitol Hill and walked the iconic Washington National Mall, before peeping through the Whitehouse gates for a glimpse of Barrack Obama, or at least the Special Forces guy on the roof! We visited the Memorial Monuments to Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr, World War 2, Iwo Jima and Korean War Memorials by moonlight.



The Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum was mind-blowing, with amazing exhibitions from the Apollo Moon Missions, Pioneers of Flight, Lunar Exploration, Space Race and the Cold War and Unmanned Military Vehicles. Amongst the highlights were a V2 rocket, Sputnik 1 (the first manmade satellite to orbit the Earth) and its US counterpart Explorer 1, a Hubble mirror and Herchel's telescope tube, and X-15 jet plane and Mercury *Friendship 7* and Apollo 11 *Columbia* Modules. Students had a blast on flight and moon-lander simulations. The Natural History Museum was equally amazing, with a huge collection of animals from every continent, the world's largest gemstone collection and live butterfly, insect and scary spider exhibitions.

The Science, Space and Engineering Tour is run every 3 years by the Science Department. Thanks to Mrs Johnson, Mr Johnson and Miss Kerrigan and special thanks to Mr Trefort and Mrs Nicholas who didn't get to go but did heaps of work to make it all happen.

Kristy Johnson

TASTE OF THE FUTURE COMPETITION

Ever since I was a little girl all I ever wanted to be was a chef. I was inspired by the people around me and encouraged to follow my dreams at whatever the cost. For the past few years I have endeavoured to further my learning in cooking and gain as many skills as possible. This hard work has definitely paid off and was very beneficial to me when I entered the Hospitality Group Training- Taste of the Future Competition.

When I first learned that I was in the final, I was overcome with not only joy and excitement, but an ocean of nerves. I could not help but have my doubts about whether I could achieve a dish that not only my peers, teachers and parents would be proud of, but that I myself could take pride in. With the guidance of my mentor, Justine Campbell, I designed a dish that I had faith in.

In the lead up to the competition day I ran over the recipe and method in my head like a broken record. It was Thursday morning and I had a sense of confidence that had eluded me the week prior. I entered the kitchen at Belmont City College and instantly felt at home. This was my favourite place to be. The most exciting part was competing with students my own age and on the same skill level as me. Not only that but to be watched and given advice by two of Western Australia's leading chefs (Stephen Clark – Clarks in North Beach and Don Hancey – The WA Food Ambassador).

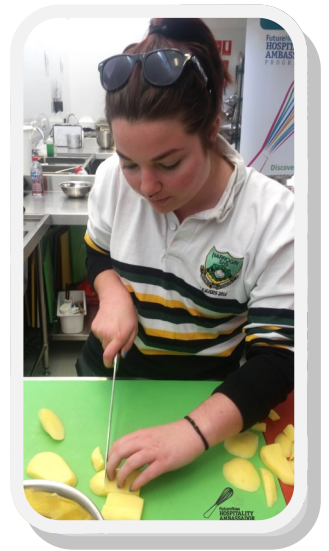
Time seemed to fly by and all I remember is hearing the words "3 minutes left". In those moments I plated and put up a dish that I was happy to call my own.

After all the dishes were taken to the judges to be marked, the worry and nerves all came flooding back in. As the clock ticked by, very slowly, and nothing was heard from the judge's room, all the contestants and their friends, families and teachers were getting anxious for the results. When they finally came out everyone was silent.

As the names for 5th, 4th, 3rd and 2nd place were called out, all I could think was I did my best but I was almost certain I had not placed. Then when my name was called for 1st place my heart started throbbing and it was all I could hear as I made my way up to collect my prize. It was very overwhelming and it didn't really set in until a few days later when the reality that I would not have to worry about TAFE fees occurred to me.

Winning this competition has been amazing for me. It has not only helped me financially, but has given me the confidence that I was starting to lack in knowing that this is really what I'm going to do, and I refuse to be anything but brilliant at it. I am very excited for next year to begin so I can get up to Perth and complete an apprenticeship and take the food world by storm.

Taylor Warner



BEIT OFFICE

Year 12 Business

This year was the first year that Business students at Narrogin Senior High have been able to complete the Certificate III course at the school. The class of Year 12s have worked tirelessly and with great dedication. As a result this year we have 100% success rate in students completing their Certificate II or III in Business. Well done and good luck in your future to all Year 12 Business students.

Egg Man Challenge

Year 12 students have participated in an activity called the Egg Man Challenge, designed to build on the Business skills they have gained during 2013 and 2014. Students were challenged to design packaging to safely house and protect an egg when dropped from a height. Packaging had to be based on a famous person or character. Students threw themselves into the challenge with great enthusiasm and were able to combine their academic knowledge with artistic flare. Great fun was had by all and only one egg was broken when dropped from a height.

Helen Samson



Dylan Trefort and Rachel Gooding



SCIENCE CIRCUS

This year, the Science Circus visited Williams, Darkan and East Narrogin Primary Schools. Students from Year Nine Applied classes worked hard to prepare exciting, interactive and educational demonstrations to perform for students from Pre-Primary to Year 7. Primary students and their teachers were blown away (not literally!) by the amazing demonstrations and the excellent explanations of the science behind them. Thanks to lab staff Mrs Bee and Mrs Harris for all their work behind the scenes to make the Science Circus such a great success.

Year 8 students will be nominated by their Science teacher to participate in this program next year.

Kristy Johnson



Mr Harding and the Amazing Fire-Proof Water Balloon
"We are really sorry if this bursts...no really!"



Morgan Barr and Georgia Dyson fire up the Flour Bomb to demonstrate surface area and reaction rate.

CONCRETING AND BRICKLAYING TRADE PROGRAM

On Friday 17 October Mr Charlie Cutri assisted students with two concrete tasks, pouring a set of steps and a footing for a brick wall. Both tasks included preparation and laying steel reinforcing while also setting up levels. Mr Cutri has vast experience in the bridge and culvert construction industry so was able to give us some industry experience in forming and pouring concrete to a set of plans and specifications. He donated his time free of charge for the day and spent a day teaching students from our trade program.

On Wed 22 until Friday 24 October we had our yearly bricklaying course delivered by Shane Ward from CY O'Connor. The Trade students thoroughly enjoyed the course and learnt skills in laying bricks on day one and put those skills to good use over the next two days. They commenced work on a wall adjacent to the new Administration building and Canteen, doing a fantastic job with their new found skills.

Many thanks to Charlie Cutri for the expert concrete work and Shane Ward for the bricklaying.

Paul Dyson





OUR SISTER SCHOOL'S FIRST STUDENT VISIT TO NARROGIN

For ten days during July and August, two staff members and four students from our sister school, MAN 4 Jakarta, Indonesia, enjoyed the accommodation and meals at the Narrogin Residential College and experienced school life amongst our students at Narrogin Senior High School.

They experienced a colder climate, unusual food (for them), a different culture and attitude to life and an opportunity to improve upon their English.

Although the 'culture shock' may have been a challenge at times, Ibu (Mrs) Yuyun, Ibu (Mrs) Eva and students Icko, Kaisa, Rio and Adam all expressed their fondness for Australia, Narrogin and the people they met. MAN 4 have suggested that they would like to make another visit next year with a larger group of students.

Barrie Stewart



PREMIER'S ANZAC TOUR 2015 – BREAKING NEWS

The Premier's ANZAC Student Tour 2015 has attracted more than 1000 entries, the highest number of participants since the inception of the program in 2003. The 2015 tour will see 32 Western Australian secondary students given the extraordinary opportunity to visit Turkey, from 16 to 26 April (tbc), as part of the State Government's ANZAC Centenary commemorations.

Renee Sieber (Year 10) has made the state finals of this competition. Only 57 students have made it to this stage. So a huge congratulations to Renee! During the Term 3 holidays, Renee attended her state final interview in Perth. We are now eagerly awaiting the announcement of the final 32.

Congratulations to Renee. Good luck!



NOTICES

Parent Survey – Have Your Say

You are invited to complete a parent survey as part of our School Improvement process. The survey will ask you to rate the school against a number of statements such as:

Q: Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best

A: Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree N/A

In order to access the survey please use the following web address.

<http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/RZwdXFHJ>

If you are unable to access the questionnaire using a computer you are welcome to collect a hard copy from the front office at the school or ask your son or daughter to collect a survey for you.

I am looking forward to the results.

Steve Quartermaine

Experience the world in your own home by hosting with AFS



AFS WA has 2 categories of AFSers arriving in February 2015:

A) **School Program** – the AFSers on this program will be required to attend a local high school for the duration of their exchange to WA, where they will be expected to integrate into their host school, gaining a first hand experience of life in WA as a high school student. Depending on their age, the student will study in either year 10, 11 or 12. There are 8 AFS students still requiring a host family for February 2015.

B) **Volunteer Program**: the AFSers on this program come to WA to give of their time to local non-profit organisations, educational organisations or community & local Government organisations, while staying with a WA host family. The AFSer volunteers between 25 and 30 hours per week with an organisation (or a cluster of organisations) that would benefit from having a dedicated volunteer as an extra pair of hands to work on project specific work. Organisations that have hosted in the past range from a local recreation centre, to a youth development program, to conservation organisations, to primary schools, to animal welfare groups, to a boarding school and even a football club. The opportunities where participants on this program can volunteer are endless.

For more information

Joyce Vandenberg

Hosting Team Leader

AFS WA

0409 535 721 or 9534 5823

Email: afs.wa@afs.org

Web: www.afs.org.au

Narrogin Senior High School Uniform Shop

There is a new email address for the uniform shop:

Narroginshs@uc.nellgray.com.au Phone number 9270 4684

Extra Days - Transition Days & Friday 12 December

If undeliverable return to
Narrogin Senior High School
Private Bag 2 Narrogin WA 6312
PRINT POST APPROVED
639656100013

SURFACE MAIL

**POSTAGE
PAID
NARROGIN**



***Annie Antonie - VET Dux - Valedictorian
with Mrs Verity Harris - P & C President***

Music teacher, Melanie Kerrigan, led the singing of the National Anthem and ably conducted the Narrogin Senior High School Concert Band, who began the evening with a rendition of "Pomp and Circumstance" composed by Elgar.

Head Boy and Girl, Jade Stevenson-Marsh and Shannon Hall, addressed the Narrogin Senior High School community for their final time as leaders of the student body. They thanked staff for the invaluable teaching and support they provided to all Year 12s and acknowledged the role of their parents who were always there to guide them through their schooling years. Jade and Shannon also showed their appreciation towards the Leadership Team and their Year Leader, thanking them for ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment throughout their schooling.

By Brodie Melchiorre.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION



Check out our web page for all the latest news - www.nshs.wa.edu.au