



High School Highlights

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New Buildings Officially Opened



The official opening of the new buildings was held on Friday November 7.

Mr Terry Waldron, MLA unveiled the plaque. Shelley Quartermaine sang "Totally Devoted To You", and all invited guests took part in a tour of the new facilities.

It was great to see our former principal, Mr Alby Huts, back for the opening and the Grease set taking pride of place.

These state of the art buildings supplement the quality programs available to students at Narrogin Senior High School.

Grease Lightning, Go Grease Lightning.....

By Susan Castle

Over the past year a group of students from NSHS under the guidance of Drama Teacher, Clyde Goodenough have been working hard to put on several performances of the Musical GREASE. After the last performance on Friday the students will have performed to over 560 paying guests. Connor Earnshaw and Shelley Quartermaine have lead roles as Danny and Sandi. Both have put in strong performances as they have sung and danced their way around the stage. They have been supported by a very talented



cast in Bon Lucev as Kenickie and Emily Ballantyne and Nova Garnier sharing the role of Rizzo, the remaining T Birds: Rhett Cheney, Chris Kain, Kyle Haydock and Damion Johnson. The Pink Ladies: Tahlia Milentis, Rebecca Harris and Sophie Trefort, Tom Haythornthwaite as Vince Fontane, Caleb Pascoe as Johnny Casino, Sam Metzke as Paddy Simcox, Glen Pugh as Eugene, Jacquie Ozanne as Cha Cha, Amy Coetzer as Miss Lynch and Ms Kerrigan as the Fairy God Mother. No show would be a show without the hard work back stage. Sorcha Armstrong-Hetzel was a wonderful stage manager supported by Britt Newitt and Aidan Davey. Astine van Wyk doing hair and Jasmine Douglas makeup, Zac Baker on lights and Chris Haydock the sound. NSHS wanted to showcase our new Performing Arts Centre with a production and Mr Goodenough and his cast of GREASE certainly have done this in style for us. Well done, Guys.



Mr Stephen Quartermaine

PRINCIPAL

The new School Administration building, Music Centre and Performing Arts Centre are officially open. Mr Terry Waldron MLA opened the buildings on Friday 7 November. The buildings have been in use for most of 2014 and the staff and students have made excellent use of the state of the art facilities.

Mr Waldron has been a great supporter of Narrogin Senior High School and we wish him well as he steps down from his Ministerial position. We look forward to his continued support as our local member.

I acknowledge the efforts of Carol Potts, Clyde Goodenough, Rick Bee, Sue Castle, the prefects and student council and Shelley Quartermaine for their contribution to the organisation and running of the very successful occasion.

The Year 12 and Year 11 examinations have come and gone. Our students were well prepared with many staff from all learning areas running revision sessions after school. Our senior school deputy, Ms Stankovic, and supervisors are commended for the smooth running of the examinations.

The Narrogin Network Celebrations were held on Wednesday 26 November. It is great to see staff recognised for their outstanding efforts above and beyond their normal workload.

Clyde and all the students and staff involved must also be commended on the fantastic performances of Grease. It is great to see students performing the challenging roles, developing and demonstrating their skills in the Arts. The performance highlighted what a great asset the Performing Arts Centre is for our school.

At this time of the year, we look at how our school has performed in terms of student outcomes and achievements. These newsletters and the local newspaper have highlighted the valuable experiences and achievements of our talented students. All of our students have achieved by improving their educational outcomes and interpersonal skills. The early indication is that our Year 12 students have raised the bar once more in terms of attainment and completion of courses and Industry qualifications.

In 2013, our Year 12 students who applied for university were all accepted. That is 100% of our students who applied for university entry were offered a place.

The University of Western Australia is one of a number of Australian universities who adjust the ATAR achieved by a student by up to 5 ranking points eg ATAR of 80 up to 85. This is a huge benefit to the students who study at Narrogin.



As this is the last newsletter for 2014, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the 80 staff who work so hard for our students, school council, P&C, parents and carers for their support and the students for their efforts. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy holiday.



WOODWORK - TALL BOX

BY RICK BEE

Congratulations to Brooklyn Drayton and Emma Woodruff for their excellent woodwork projects. All students in Y8 MDT made a similar project, referred to as a Tall Box. Design is an integral component of this project and the students initially decided if they wished to make a tall or short version. The short versions are great for pens and pencils on their desks, and the taller ones are ideal for wooden spoons and the likes in the kitchen.

BROOKLYN DRAYTON AND EMMA WOODRUFF

SENIOR SCHOOL DEPUTY

Ms Sandii Stankovic



So the school year is drawing to a close, at which point it is time to reflect on the year that it was. And I must say it has been a great year! For me the highlights included country week (the trials and the tribulations), student accolades at assemblies and presentation nights, Year 12 graduating festivities and seeing the parents proud of their child/ren, being part of a school whereby staff share your passion in assisting students achieving their best, the Grease performance, the school market open day, being part of a great wider school community and the list continues. I am impressed that Narrogin Senior High School has a number of opportunities that students in a number of schools do not have, and I am referring to leadership opportunities but the number of qualifications that students can obtain, excursions, international travel and camps, qualifications that students can obtain and the so on.

2015 no doubt will shape up to be another big year with changes to the senior school curriculum and WACE graduation as well as welcoming Current Year 9s into the senior school as Year 10s, and new staff members joining the school.

To the parents of the incoming Year 7 & 8s please join the school community - we do need you to help us on the P&C, and on various committees and councils. I find that parents think we do not want them at the high school (or they may think their child may not want them) but we certainly do. The P&C are organising a meet and greet for new parents early in the year so please come along and support your child's school.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great year and making me feel welcomed into the school community.

Please have a happy and safe festive season with your loved ones.

LOWER SCHOOL DEPUTY

Mr Andrew Symington



This year is swiftly nearing its end and those long, looked-for holidays are just around the corner. I won't burst anyone's bubble by saying that before you know it, we'll be starting the 2015 school year in February –whoops, I just mentioned it!

Reports have been or are being finalised and, hopefully, students have improved since receiving their reports in Semester One. I've been reading through a selection of the lower school reports and I have been impressed by the majority I have read. Obviously from the comments, there are some very talented students at this school, which bodes well for their future schooling years. There were however a few comments which stated that the students could be performing at a higher level.

This is a challenge for everyone, not just the students, but also the teaching staff and the school leaders: to rise to the challenges put before us; to better our achievements; especially if we are more than capable of achieving them. For the students, a lot of the businesses that they may be employed by in the future have KPI's (Key Personnel Indicators), which are a way of businesses extracting the most potential from those they employ.

We all should be setting goals for ourselves, whether educational, social or personal, and challenging our development in them. Benjamin Franklin once said, 'Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning'. Another writer also said, 'What is the recipe for successful achievement? To my mind there are just four essential ingredients: choose what you love, give it the best there is in you, seize your opportunities, and be a member of the team'.

I wish everyone a great holiday, be safe and come back in the new year ready to challenge yourself and your peers to demonstrate greater levels of success.



The English Learning Area is delighted to welcome Mrs Louise Davidson as our new Head of Learning Area. Mrs Davidson comes to us from Central Midlands and Australind Senior High Schools and we look forward to sharing her expertise.

This semester has been an incredibly creative and successful one. We are very proud to announce that NSHS has several promising poets amongst our students. During Term 3, students from the Year 10 Enrichment class submitted a number of poems for inclusion in the *Primo Lux* anthology. This anthology carries poetry written by Year 10, 11 and 12 students from across WA. After studying the theme of war poetry, the following students were chosen to submit their own poems to *Primo Lux*: Huiwen Li, Andrew Holmes, Georgie Bishop, Samantha Metzke, Sorchia Armstrong- Hetzel, Amy Coetzer, Ashtyn Mason, Tuleah Bolton, Allana Seale and Damion Johnson.

We are delighted to announce that Amy Coetzer, Georgie Bishop and Damion Johnson are now published poets in their own right in this year's anthology. It is rare for so many poems from one school to be included in *Primo Lux*! Our three students were invited to the publication's launch in Fremantle last month, where Amy and Damion read their poems aloud to assembled parents, teachers and dignitaries.

Some of our lower school students also entered this year's annual Roland Leach Poetry Prize. The poems are purely the work of students who enter according to their year of schooling. Damion Johnson, Ashtyn Mason, Tuleah Bolton, Sorchia Armstrong-Hetzel, Amy Coetzer, Samantha Metzke, Huiwen Li and Ashtyn Steer were all included as entrants into this competition.

Following the tradition of previous years, five ambitious Year 10 students have applied for the Roy Grace English Scholarship for 2015 and we wish them every success in this endeavour.

Finally, with the transition of Year 7 into high school next year, the English Learning Area is looking forward to this fantastic opportunity to further expand upon the hard work, and many successes, of our feeder primary schools.

THE PENNY WRIGHT MEMORIAL PRIZE 2014



At the beginning of this year, the entire school community was saddened by the passing of HoLA, Ms Penny Wright. This week, however, the English Learning Area was delighted to welcome Penny's sister, Mrs Carol Colgrove, to our assembly to award the inaugural Penny Wright Memorial Prize for the top English student in Year 10. The well-deserved recipient was Amy Coetzer.

Mrs Cosgrove gave an inspiring, uplifting speech which enabled the whole community to join in a celebration of Ms Wright's life at Narrogin SHS. Part of the prize was a \$500 scholarship which will continue to be awarded, in Ms Wright's memory, for the next twenty years.

We are very grateful to Ms Wright's family that this scholarship will enable her long-standing contribution to excellence in English, at Narrogin SHS, to be remembered in years to come.

Congratulations Renee Sieber

Renee Sieber has won a place on The 2015 Premier's ANZAC Student Tour. She was selected along with 31 other students from around Western Australia. The competition attracted more than 1000 entries statewide. Renee wrote an essay in response to the following question

"In 1915, the Anzacs bequeathed a powerful legacy to future generations of Australians. Examine the importance of this legacy and what it means to you as a young West Australian."

From there she was selected for an interview for the state finals and undertook the interview during the October school holidays. Renee will participate in a history and commemorative study tour to Turkey from 16 to 27 April 2015, with the highlight being attendance at the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli.

The Western Australian Government will meet the cost of international airfares, official clothing, land costs and most meals when in Turkey. The competition is open to any student who has a genuine interest in the Anzac experience, an appreciation of the study of History, excellent interpersonal skills and self-confidence as well as a willingness to share their tour experiences (if selected) within their school and local community.

Renee is to be congratulated on her efforts in securing a spot on the prestigious history student study tour.

MOKA TOUR 2014

By Patrick Armstrong-Hetzel

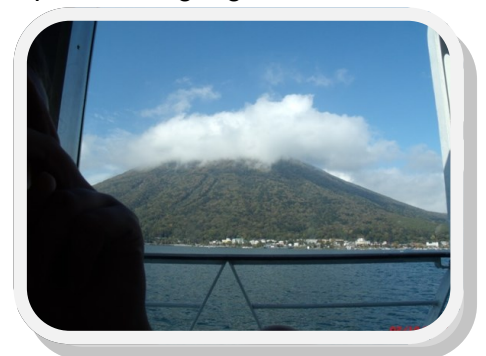
During the September break, I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to go to Japan with Australind Senior High School. I have been learning Japanese with them online since Year 8 and they organise exchanges with their sister school, Moka Junior High School in Japan, every two years.

I flew from Perth to Singapore at 12:30am, and from there to Tokyo; staying in Tokyo for four nights at Tokyo Disney Land Hotel. We also got to go to Disney Land twice!

We then travelled to Moka, a distant suburb of Tokyo near the mountains. We visited our sister school two days after getting to Moka, where we went to class and then on an excursion to the Moka Mountains. We went home after school and lived with our host families for five days where I tried out my Japanese language skills.



Liam Reonnfelt and me with our two host buddies on a cruise around the mountains at Moka.



A photo of the Moka Mountain face from the cruise.

We then left our families and went to the Hiroshima Museum commemorating the dreadful Hiroshima bombing which took place in 1945.

After two days in Hiroshima, visiting ninja shops and historical museums, we went back to Tokyo and stayed in a hotel for one more night. Then, on the last day before our 2:00am flight, we went to Universal Studios for the whole day.

This was a wonderful experience which has expanded my knowledge of both the Japanese language and its culture. I also made some awesome new friends!

The Year 9 Discovery Science recently enjoyed the spoils of their hard work by using the solar ovens they had constructed to bake S'mores. This culinary delight involves the baking of marshmallows onto chocolate biscuits and although temperatures didn't get high enough to bake the treats, some lovely melted chocolate covered marshmallows were enjoyed by all.

Year 9 students constructed the solar ovens out of cardboard boxes, lined with aluminium foil to reflect the sunlight in and painted with black paint to help absorb the heat.

On the day of testing the temperatures were low and some cloud inhibited the availability of sunlight but the strategic angling of the solar ovens allowed a measured 6degC increase in the space of ten minutes. It was estimated that most of the ovens would have worked well if more time and sun were available for cooking.



The Year 10 Discovery Science class are currently producing small field guides for native plants found within Narrogin Senior High School. The group of budding ecologists conducted transect surveys to determine plant species with the native bush areas of the school and hope to produce a small guide each with descriptions of the plants identified.

Narrogin SHS is very lucky to have a bush area within its boundaries so that students can engage in biological experiences as part of their classroom work. Students were introduced to the subject of biological transects with a bush walk to identify areas of native bush and those that had been affected by weed intrusions. They then chose an area to conduct small line or plot transects and attempted to identify the native plant species within them. The students took cuttings of flowers, leaves, seeds and used their phones to take photos so that identification of the species could be done through field guides and internet databases.



THINK BIG WINNERS



TULEAH BOLTON YEAR 10



DYLAN KORNAUS YR 11

PREFECT CAMP

BY BRODIE MELCHIORRE



On the 14 November, the new future leaders of our school—Robert Hallam, Peter Kirby, Caleb Murray, Henry Hussey, Khristan Randall, Mayavee Ozanne, Juanita O'Neil, Jordy Medlen, Olivia Dorn and Emily Ballantyne set off on the 2014 Prefect Camp. They were joined by Mr Morrell, Mrs Castle and Miss Melchiorre. First stop was Silver Valley in Byford where Team Development Australia led the group in some teamwork and leadership activities. This took place on an exclusive 85 acre property at Silver Valley. Highlights include the '388m Flying Fox' and 'Dam Crossing Activity'.

The program is designed and delivered to bring the team together and challenge them on different aspects of being a 'team'. Through experiential learning the focus was

on objectives of the task and relating them back to the school/work environment.

On Friday night we shared a lovely Italian feast at Siena's in Leederville. It was an early rise on Saturday for the Ropes course at Challenge Stadium. A highlight of the day was the high ropes course that put the team to the test. This is followed by the 'Leap of Faith' to encourage the group to support their peers and stretch their own comfort zones. The Leap of Faith was especially scary as participants have to climb a 9 metre utility pole with an A4 size platform on the top. They then must jump from this tiny platform to a trapeze that is suspended in the air. Even though you're all harnessed up, it is SCARY! Everyone was very supportive and encouraging and even got Mr Morrell and Miss Melchiorre to brave the leap!



Saturday afternoon saw the group engaged in a treasure hunt around Subiaco before heading back to our accommodation in Leederville for the 'What's in the Box?' Dinner Challenge. Two teams had a cook off with the ingredients provided in a box with no recipes! It was a superb feast so I expect all their parents to be getting at least one cooked meal a week now!

Sunday was a relaxing day with the 'Tree Top Walk' at Kings Park and the students each presenting a speech on an opinionative statement given to them at random. It was a sleepy but satisfying

drive home as we reflected on a great weekend.



A big thank you to Mrs Castle for her superb organisation of a fantastic camp, Mr Morrell for driving the bus and inspiring teamwork in the group and Miss Melchiorre for her support and encouragement throughout the weekend.



GOURMET ESCAPE MARGARET RIVER

BY JUSTINE CAMPBELL



On Tuesday November 18th Ms Campbell took Hospitality trainee Che Turvey and Year 12 graduating student Maekara Bratten, to the Kambarang – South West Aboriginal Gourmet Experience. This was a fringe event for the Gourmet Escape held in the South West where local, interstate and international chefs all converged for a weekend of fine food and wine. Narrogin SHS was invited to take part in what is sure to become an annual event for Aboriginal Hospitality students. Over the course of 4 days 22 students from Perth joined apprentices from the Outback Academy in Melbourne to work alongside celebrity chef Mark 'Black' Olive and Josh Whiteland to produce an jaw-dropping 'long table' lunch held at the wine education centre in Margaret River.



Highlights of the meal were Local Marron with Geraldton Wax.



A shared platter of Bush Meat which included Crocodile Sausages, Emu, Abalone and our coat of arms.



Students also foraged off the country for one of the courses consisting of Periwinkles.



Students took part in various 'Master classes' held by Graeme Martin from Linley Valley Pork and participated in the Linley Valley Pork Cook off, where Narrogin took out 1st and 4th place. Guest chefs paid credit to their training from working all year in the HillTop Café at school.



Maekara and Che were also invited to cook at a private event with Mark Olive for the City of Bunbury and their visiting sister city from Japan. Both girls felt very honoured to be selected to take part in the event which was held on the beachfront.

Ties were formed with industry for future Hospitality students to assist with catering events with Mark both in Melbourne and Perth.



YEAR 10 FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

BY MRS QUARTERMAINE AND MRS RUSSELL



On Friday afternoons this semester, two Year 10 FST classes have been enjoying the fruits of their research into, and cooking of, international foods. On two occasions the classes have cooked banquet-style food and then gathered together to share, eat, and talk.

Throughout the year there have often been comparisons of food presentation, style, and taste which help the students evaluate their successes and consider areas for further action when next in the kitchen. To encompass this it was decided to gather together to share the tasting experience.



The first gathering was an Indian banquet where both classes cooked the same food before gathering to compare and discuss the cooking style, flavour, and ability to make the spices shine. The dishes prepared and tried were Madras Curry, Kofta Curry, Vegetable Curry, Pilau, Potato Curry, and Sambals. It was a delicious feast, indeed.

On the second occasion, each class had to plan their own two course meal, produce it, present it and share. On offer were Chicken Wraps, Satay Chicken, Self-saucing Chocolate Pudding and Mini Pavlova with cream and berries. Mrs Ramasamy also joined us that day and took delight in trying the student offerings. She particularly enjoyed the Mini Pavlova as it was a new culinary experience for her.



This unique opportunity provided many positives for both students and staff, the greatest being the team work and timing that was required to facilitate the experience.

VISIT FROM WARWICK SHS NETBALL ACADEMY

BY SARAH CORNER

On Tuesday 28 October, year nine students from the Warwick Netball Academy visited Narrogin to compete in Netball games against the Narrogin SHS Year Nine Netball Academy students. Overall, the winner for the day was Warwick SHS as their teams won more games overall, however, the Narrogin girls were the best dressed in their new Netball Academy uniforms. It was a great experience for our students and I am hoping their visit will be an annual event and we will endeavor to win back the trophy next year. A big thank you also goes to the Yr 10 Netball Studies students who umpired and coached on the day. They did a brilliant job in both areas. The girls involved were: Claudia Rourke, Lucy Turner, Amy Coetzer, Sam Dawes, Katie Lally, Shannon Bubb, Shenae Reynolds, Georgie Bishop and Jezamyn Douglas.





The Spring Carnival was held on a perfect day for sport in week five of this term.

Students had a choice of entering the Tennis Competition, the Badminton competition or Team Sports (where students played 3 games of: basketball, soccer, netball or cricket).

Tennis Results

R-Up Winners Georgia Dawes & Blake Heil
Zac Baker & Brad O'Neill

Badminton

Yr 9 **Girls** Renee Dodds & Hena Smith
Yr 9 **Boys** Ryan Fleay & Jakeb Reardon
Yr 10 Nick Corner, Bob Lucev & Tyson Kirk



Students earned points throughout the day towards the House overall winner. Playing, winning, umpiring and generally contributing were all acknowledged in this process.



This year's results were:

- 1st Leo
- 2nd Pisces
- 3rd Scorpio
- 4th Taurus



Cricket Academy News

By Josh Kempton

Narrogin Senior High School's Year 8 and 9 Cricket Academy recently participated in a 3-day cricket carnival held in Narrogin and some surrounding towns. On the first day, Narrogin played Kent Street in Williams. After winning the toss, Narrogin elected to bat and posted 8 - 156. Iszak Milentis posted 56 and Josh Kempton made 35*. Although the game could not finish due to slow over rates from both sides, Narrogin were declared the winners having a superior run rate. Kent Street finished at 6 - 94. Mitchell Shalders finished with an amazing hat trick of 3-0 from his one over. On the second day, Narrogin played John Forrest at the High School with Narrogin finishing 206 all out. Openers Jordan Draper-Gibb who sent the ball to all parts of the ground in his ultra-aggressive 81 and Iszak Milentis posted his second fifty of the carnival with an elegant 68, lacked support with only one more double-digit score made by the side. Cameron Gooding then set about annihilating John Forrest's top order, taking two wickets before John Forrest had scored and ended with figures of 5-4 from his four overs. John Forrest finished all out for 154 with Narrogin claiming points. The scheduled third game against Belridge in Cuballing was cancelled due to overnight rain. Two wins from two games was an excellent result for the Narrogin boys, who thoroughly enjoyed the carnival.

DESIGN A POSTER COMPETITION IN 2014

BY MICHELLE SICILIANO

Students from Narrogin Senior High School entered the ***Make a Move: towards better mental health*** design a poster competition. Students were asked to illustrate the activities they do to look after their body, mind and soul for better mental health. The competition aimed to promote positive mental health behaviours and wellbeing in school. Kate Wyllie (Yr 8) won third prize for her poster. Her artwork will be printed onto postcards, alongside the other winning entries and used at the Positive Schools Conference and Mental Health Week program in 2015. Lili Palumbo (Yr 8) received a certificate of achievement for being highly commended for her contribution to the Design a Poster Competition in 2014.



Lili Palumbo



Kate Wyllie

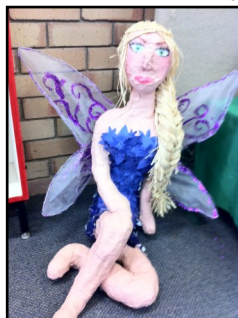
CREATIVE CREATURE SCULPTURES

BY MICHELLE SICILIANO

The Year 8 students have been developing their imagination to create original and quirky sculptures, which you can see displayed in the library for the last two weeks of school. The students used a variety of *upcycled* materials such as jumpers and t-shirts to produce the variety of textures, and range of colours, that make these works so appealing to look at. Please make the time to visit the library and enjoy this amazing array of creative works by our Year 8 students.



Creative Creatures Library Display



Rykiel Gibb



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Parents and students can send email, SMS and make a call straight from the app.

Instructions to download.

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Voluntary Contribution and Charges have been posted out along with your child's book list.

The Admin office will be open on Tuesday 27 January. Staff will be available to answer any questions.

Students are back at school on Monday 2 February 2015.

Don't forget to complete the School Survey on our web page.



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