



Narrogin Senior High School

High School Highlights

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New Staff for NSHS



L-R	Back	Ms Krissie Dawson - Arts, Ms Rebecca Allenby - Arts, Ms Rebecca Donavon - HASSL
	Middle	Ms Sukhdeep Sandhu - Science, Ms Amy Donnelly - English, Mrs Stephanie Whitting - Arts/Music, Mr Steve Flavel - Ho LA Maths,
	Front	Ms Dorothy Bendix - Maths, Ms Stephany Stanek-Smith - English, Ms Melanie Joyce - Maths, Ms Kristy Chapman - HASSL
	Inset:	Mr Giles Wholohan, Ms Tracy Wilson - Maths.



Mr Stephen Quartermaine

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. Narrogin has had a busy start to the year, with 262 students beginning their first year of secondary education. The Year 7 students have slotted in to life at Narrogin SHS and taken the move in their stride. I am impressed by their skills and responsibility.

I welcome the parents of Year 7 and 8 students to the Narrogin SHS community and thank those who took the opportunity to attend the P&C Meet and Greet on Tuesday 10 February. This was a great opportunity to meet staff and other parents.

During the holiday break Peter Trefort, our Business Manager, kept things ticking over managing repairs and providing information regarding new enrolments.

We have thirteen staff beginning their first year at Narrogin SHS and three staff returning from extended leave. Everyone has hit the ground running and it is pleasing to see how well the new staff have adapted to our school.

Respect, Responsibility and Tolerance

Our school norms are Respect, Responsibility and Tolerance. Every member of Narrogin Senior High School staff and every student deserves respect.

It is extremely important that students show respect for all staff members. Not only is it the right thing to do but research shows that students produce the best results when they develop positive working relationships with their teacher.

The first two days back for staff involved an analysis of our students' results and professional development. The staff also continued to work on Assessment for Learning and developed personal plans for the use of effective feedback and questioning strategies based on research by Dylan William. The strategies that make the biggest difference to student learning will again be a focus for school improvement in 2015.

I am looking forward to an exciting year at Narrogin SHS and encourage students to make the most of the wonderful academic and co-curricular opportunities available to them.

Narrogin Senior High School – Summary of Year 12 Performance 2014

TOP 50 SCHOOL – VET Achievement

NSHS Year 12 students achieved excellent results. The highlight was achieving a ranking of 17th out of all WA schools for VET achievement in completing a Certificate II or higher. 98% of our students achieved a Certificate II or Higher. The dedication and efforts of our staff and students has resulted in a significant improvement in student achievement.

The median Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) score was maintained at 70 while the number of students who achieved an ATAR of 55 or above and/or a Certificate II (Attainment) increased by 15% to 95% and 12.2% the average for Public Schools state-wide.

The best performing course was Human Biology and 2CD Mathematics, with final scaled scores above State DoE and Like Schools. Geography and Physical Education Studies also performed well with final scaled scores above Like Schools. 80% of our ATAR students achieved front door entry into university.

Vocational Pathway students achieved 26 different Certificates, with 12 students achieving a Certificate III and two students achieving a Certificate IV in Preparation for Entry into Nursing.

D'arcy Coad won a Secondary Curriculum and Standards Award of Commendation for achieving 20 A grades or equivalent over Years 11 and 12.

Narrogin Senior High School continues to offer quality programs for all students and Academic Targets have been revised upwards for 2015.

In 2015 we will develop our strategic plan to provide focus and direction for the next 5 years.



It certainly has been a busy start to the year. First and foremost it was great to welcome parents into the school at the Meet & Greet sessions we have held in the past few weeks. It was wonderful to meet and speak with you regarding your child at the school – I look forward to more of these and please – keep coming to the school.

With the new structure of the school it has been great to have the Year 10s join the Years 11 & 12 into Senior School. We look forward to helping them prepare for the years ahead as they move towards Graduation.

Academic Achievement Awards were presented at the recent whole school assembly. It was satisfying to see such accolades presented to a large number of students. We presented the 8As badges to those that had achieved at least 8As in their last semester report (Years 8 – 10 2014) and 66% As (Year 11 2014). It was pleasing to see a great number of the current Year 10s achieve this in 2014. Congratulations to the following recipients:

Y8 2014: Brooklyn Drayton, Cailey Harnett, Lili Palumbo, Benjamin Tinley, Anri Van Niekerk, Caey Walker, Emma Woodruff.

Y9 2014: Philippa Bairstow, Dureen Bolton, Rhett Cheney, Paige Dehnel, Georgia Dyson, Georgia Earnshaw, Daniel Forward, Toby Nicholas, Katrina Reynolds, Kiara Screaigh, Abbey Wilson.

Y10 2014: Connor Earnshaw, Huiwen, Li, Ashtyn Mason, Renee Sieber

Y11 2014: Tayla Atkins, Gemma Boxall, Jasmine Cheney, Kyle Hankinson, Cristy Norwell.

These awards will continue at the end of each semester.

OLNA – Online Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted from 9 – 20 March 2015. These tests are mandatory for WACE Graduation. Year 10 & 11 students sit these tests. Students who have previously passed the various tests and/or prequalified from their NAPLAN results will not have to sit the test and their learning program will not be effected. Students who require testing will be provided with timetables, passwords and further information regarding OLNA. Please ensure that students follow the instructions and participate in the scheduled testing. If they are unable to attend a particularly scheduled session, please phone the school and have the test rescheduled in the allocated timeframe.

Diary - Students were presented with a diary at the commencement of the year to assist with their organisation skills. I often have Year 11 and 12 students identify that they are unable to organise and prioritise their study program. A diary is a tool to assist with this. It also provides a means for students to write down reminders, notes, important assessment dates and so on. Please encourage your child to utilise these as it is a useful tool and skill to ensure success.



2015 PREMIER'S ANZAC STUDENT TOUR PRESENTATION CEREMONY

On March 3 2015 a presentation ceremony was held at Mindarie Senior College for the 32 student participants and 8 staff participants who will be attending the 10-day educational tour next month.

Renee Sieber (Year 11, pictured left) was one of the student participants selected from over 1000 entries.

Over the March long weekend, Renee participated in a getting to know each other activities and attended briefing sessions to prepare for the April tour.

Narrogin Senior High School wishes Renee well for the tour and is excited to hear about her experiences on her return.

Ms Brooke Rintoul



Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing time over the short break. From the many students I talked to during the first few days, it seems that for many, the 'good holiday' was spent doing 'nothing', or going to Perth to visit family.

For myself, though I did not go anywhere, I spent it with my new son, Quentin James, and the rest of the family, with the inclusion of moving to Narrogin from Boddington. Sadly, we left behind the vegetable garden that I built, a magnificent chook shed and yard, the sand pit for the kids and our neighbours. But Narrogin will present new opportunities and we are looking forward to them.

As it is a new year (for the Chinese, the Year of the Goat), the students need to view it as a new start for the Year 7 & 8 cohort, and for the remainder, a continuation of their previous high school education. There will be new opportunities this year to improve on what has happened before. There will be new ideas and concepts to grasp, which may be challenging or simple. There will be new friends to find and new teachers from whom to learn. There will be happy times and hopefully, very few unhappy times.

But how the students meet these challenges is really up to them. Throughout our life, in our day-to-day continuum, there will be things to trip over, hills to climb (maybe even some mountains), surprises, blindsides and the odd curve ball or three. Not all of them are good, but on the flipside, not all of them will be bad. **This is life.** The challenge for all of us, myself included, is that if we can learn to accept early on that life is going to be peppered with these incidents, both positive and negative, then we are going to be much better equipped to deal with whatever life throws at us as we make our way along the pathway – it's not so much about the destination, but the journey along the way.

As it is a new year, it is good to remember that the past **cannot** be changed. Words spoken and actions done, cannot be changed. We cannot change something that may have happened to us (no matter how many posts of Facebook). We cannot change what someone may have done to us (no matter how many posts to Snapchat or Instagram). We cannot change what we may have done to others. But what we can do in this new year is accept what we can and cannot change. It comes down to learning to work with, and focus on, what's right in our lives while accepting, but not putting our energy into, what is not. The bottom line is that we can only change ourselves.

On another note, March 26 heralds the arrival at school of the Hawaiian Ride for Youth. Starting in Albany, 3 pelotons of riders will leave and head towards Perth, each group taking a different route. The one visiting our school will be coming up through Katanning and Wagin, whilst the others are going through Bunbury and Kojonup. Our group will arrive and there will be a presentation to the Year 9/10 cohort in the Gym in Period 5. In preparation for this event, members of their education unit will be coming to school on March 3 & 4, and talking to the Year 9's about Mental Health and other issues. It promises to be a very interesting and informative event for the students.

Advance Notice

On March 19 there will be a Parent Information Evening 4.00pm - 8.00pm in the Gym. There will be notes coming home via your child so that you can make an appointment with respective teachers so you may be apprised of your child's progress.

Have a great year everyone.

STUDENTS MEET LIBBY TRICKETT

On Saturday 14 February, ten NSHS students and three ex students attended the Regional Swimming Championships in Mt Barker.

The students did very well on the day and the most memorable part was seeing Libby Trickett in person.

Multiple Olympic Gold and past and present world record holder, Trickett attended the swimming meet to talk to athletes and encourage them in their pursuits.

Paul Dyson



ENGLISH MATTERS



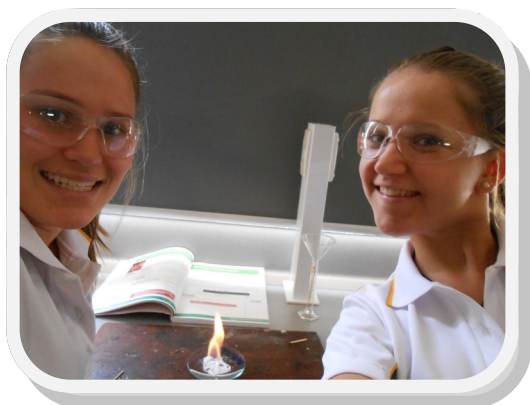
We've enjoyed a brilliant start to this term, in English, and we would like to welcome Ms Stephany Stanek-Smith and Miss Amy Donnelly as new English teachers. We would also like to welcome Mrs Navine Coates and Ms Denise Lavan back into the English fold after their stints in other areas of the school. As we teach every student in the school, it has been great getting to know Narrogin SHS's new students from all year groups.

The annual Australian Computational and Linguistic Olympiad's first round will be getting underway on Thursday 12th March. Information letters for the chosen team members will be going out to parents/caregivers at the end of this week. We would like to wish all six teams the best of luck for the online round.

This year's school drama performance is *Dark River* by Alexa Romanes. This is a play, with music, which charts the fortunes of the poorest of the human chain in Victorian London. As it is a work written especially for 11 – 16 year olds, Mr Goodenough is looking forward to the auditions which will start during Week 6. More information as to exact times and dates will be in the morning pink sheets.

Enjoy the rest of this term, everyone!

Ms J Armstrong



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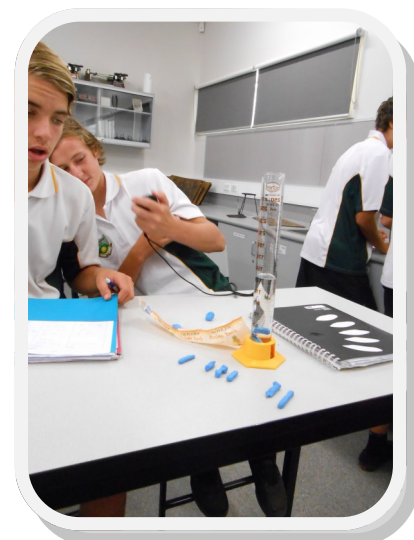


Year 10 Discovery students investigate streamlining in preparation for their Flight Engineering Challenge.

Year 11 Chemistry students experiment with flame photometry, the chemistry of fireworks: the structure of the atom determines the colour it makes when burned.

Year 11 Physics students apply their understanding of Thermodynamics to find the power rating of Bunsen burners.

Mrs K Johnson



CUV20111 CERT II IN VISUAL ARTS

CUV 20111 Cert II in Visual Arts is one of the popular certificate courses. This program will be delivered through class-based tasks that will simulate a specific industry environment.

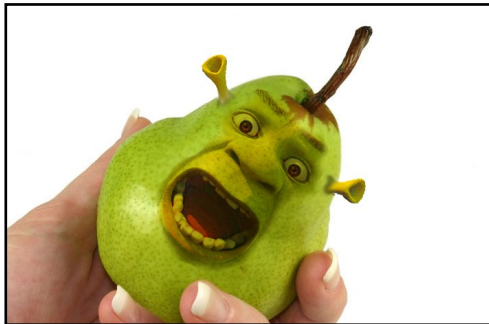
In term 1, students are discovering the power of Adobe Photoshop while editing and rendering images. Photoshop is considered one of the [leaders](#) in photo editing software. The software allows [users](#) to manipulate, crop, resize, and correct [colour](#) on [digital](#) photos.

Adobe Photoshop is particularly popular amongst [professional](#) photographers and graphic designers.

Here are some of sample works that students produced within three weeks of time.

Mogana Ramasamy

**IT Teacher
Narrogin Senior High School**



Thomas Parker



Rebecca Harris



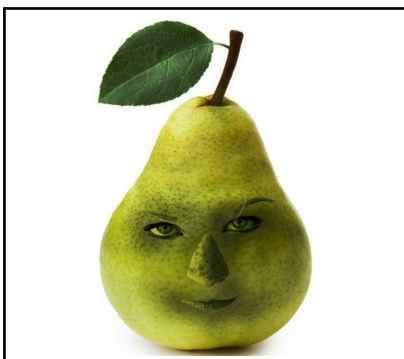
Saige Edwards



Jesse Brown



Sarah Coulson-Howell



Tuleah Bolton



Maddison White



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Dana Stephens



Nicholas Aylmore

SUMMER CARNIVAL

Tennis

Senior school winners:
Brad O'Neill & David Hallam

Junior Boys:
Ben Battley & Jack Carter

Junior Girls:
Anri Van Niekerk & Leah Sieber



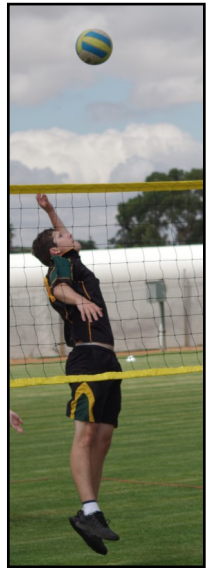
Soccer



Squash

R-up: Khristan Randall

Winner: Blake Warburton



Volleyball

Badminton

Lower School Girls

R-up: Emma Coppock & Jasmine

Winners: Georgia Dawes & Casey Walker

Lower School Boys

R-up: Jai Lally & Zac Hazlewood

Winners: Rohan Morris & Tyler Cochrane



Swimming



Cricket



The Principal in fine form





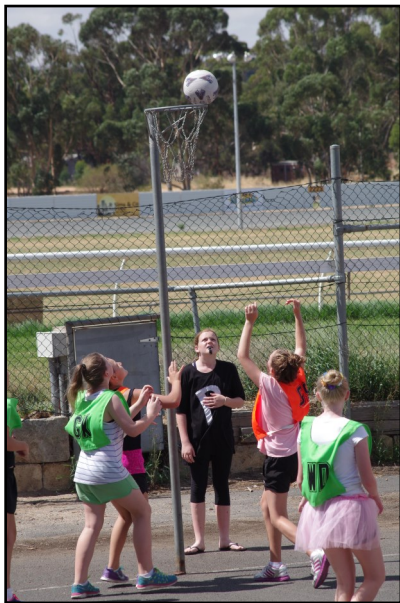
Basketball

Football



Netball

Hockey



Senior School Girls

Winners: Nova Garnier & Keeley Fleay

Senior School Boys Winners:

Rob Hallam, Peter Kirby, Travis Nicholas, Reece Andrews & Thomas Haythornthwaite.

House Results:

1 st	Pisces	1875pts
2 nd	Scorpio	1689pts
3 rd	Taurus	1645pts
4 th	Leo	1623pts





IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR A LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE?

Are you looking for a unique experience for your son or daughter that will challenge them, equip them with key life skills and give them the adventure of a lifetime? Then look no further than the Leeuwin Youth Explorer Voyage. The seven day program aimed at 14-25 year olds is both exciting and rewarding, teaching participants all aspects of living and working aboard a traditional tall ship. They will experience steering and navigating the ship, setting sails in all weather conditions, sailing through the night beneath the Milky Way and seeing parts of West Australia's stunning coastline.

It's not just about learning to sail and meeting new friends though. They will also learn more about themselves, overcome challenges, conquer fears and become more tolerant towards others. The voyages aim to increase self-confidence and self-

awareness as well as developing communication, teamwork and leadership skills which can be applied in all aspects of life.

Students in years 10, 11 and 12 can earn 5 WACE points towards their senior graduation and the voyage can count as the Adventurous Journey or Residential Project component of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Sail trainees may also be invited back as volunteer crew on future day sails and voyages, allowing them to keep in touch with their crewmates, further hone their skills and sail for free!

Voyages run from September until June, with spaces still available on the following upcoming voyages;

12-18 March

31 May - 8 June

13 June - 19 June

The \$1,980 voyage fare includes all food, accommodation, use of wet weather gear and safety training. Thanks to our generous community partners we are able to offer a variety of scholarships for applicants who need assistance raising the fare.

For more information, please contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or email us at office@sailleeuwin.com.

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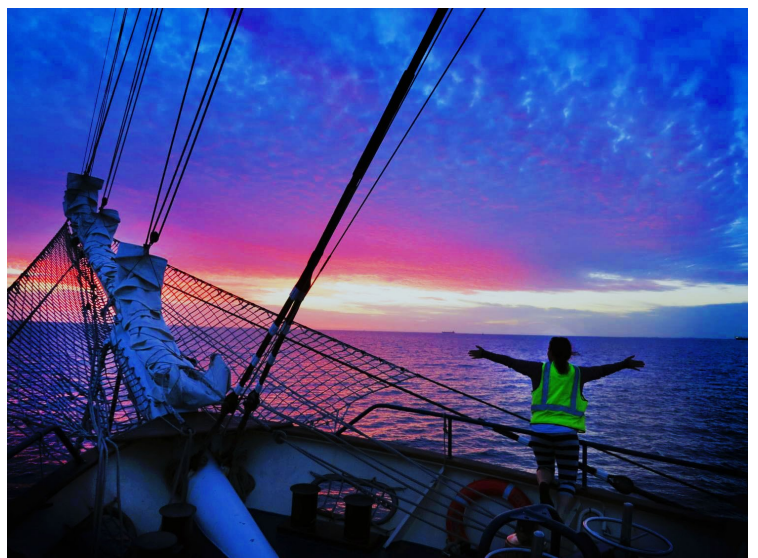
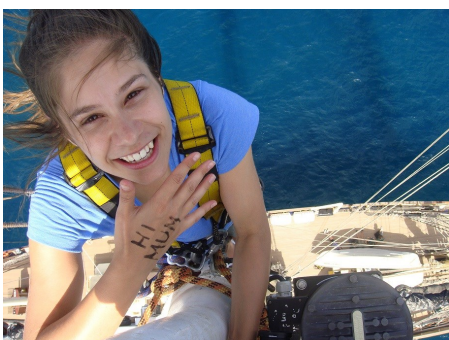
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NOTICES

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Applications close 2 April 2015

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- § Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Health Care Card
- § Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Pensioner Concession Card
- § Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The allowance consists of two components:

- ☐ \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- ☐ \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Application is made by the parent or guardian for student/s enrolled in Years 7–12 studying a full time secondary course at a Western Australian public school

ABSTUDY SUPPLEMENT ALLOWANCE

The Department of Education ABSTUDY Supplement Allowance consists of \$79 paid directly to the school. Please note that the Secondary Assistance Scheme cannot be claimed as well as this allowance

CENTREPAY

Narrogin Senior High School now accepts Centrepay. For more information please contact the School.



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

YEAR 8 SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

In 2015 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough), Varicella (chickenpox) and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccinations are being offered free of charge to all students at school in Year 8.

Community Nurses from Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service will be visiting Narrogin Senior High School on **Tuesday 17th March 2015** to give Year 8 students their first dose of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine and Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

Please ensure you complete, sign and return the form, even if you are not consenting to the vaccination/s. No student will be vaccinated without your consent.

If you have any concerns or queries about these vaccinations please contact:

Tammy Vause - School Health Nurse on ph. 9881 9330.

HOSTING A FRENCH STUDENT (16 JULY - 19TH AUGUST 2015)

For the last 9 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 16-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

The student will attend a High School.

The purpose of the programme is for the French student to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australians and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

He/she will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Please contact **Martine Floyd**, email : aupairoz@iinet.net.au , mob : **0403 019 609** if you are interested in hosting.

If undeliverable return to

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NOTICES

Notre Dame

As we come into the new semester at The University of Notre Dame Australia, we would like to invite the parents of years 10-12 students at your school to our **Parent Information Evening on March 10th at 6:30pm.**

The evening will cater for parents of current Year 12s and Year 11/10s under the WACE guidelines.

Medicine Information Session on Sunday 22 March at 11.00am to Year 11 and 12 students who are aspiring to Medicine or who are interested in applying to Notre Dame's Pre-Medicine Certificate.

10.30am Expo | 11am Presentation

- › 4 year graduate entry Medicine degree (MBBS)
- › Hear from current Medicine students
- › 100 Commonwealth Supported Places for 2016 (HECS-HELP*)
- › Additional information session about the Pre-Medicine Certificate

Register now: nd.edu.au/medinfosession

The University of Notre Dame Australia, School of Medicine (ND35), 38 Henry St, Fremantle.

General Course Information and Expo Evenings are booked for **Wednesday 20 May** and **Tuesday 9 June.**

A Day in the Life of a University Student will be held on **Friday 17 July.**

In Semester Two **Notre Dame Open Day Festival** will be held on **Sunday 16 August.** There will be an extensive array of interactive activities and information.

CHARITY BALL

50% all proceeds to Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation

Saturday 18th April 2015

John Higgins Centre – Narrogin

\$40 per person

Live Band – Dakota

18+ event.

Tickets available at Westpac Narrogin or Narrogin Technology Solutions

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NARROGIN & DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION ACADEMY TRIALS

Selections will take place at Narrogin Primary School on the following dates and times.

Sat 7 & Sat 14 March for **11&U, 12&U, 13&U** : 9.30am registration, warm up for a 10am start.

Sat 21 & 28 March for **14&U 15&U, 17&U** :

1.30pm registration, warm up for a 2pm start

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