



# High School Highlights

Narrogin Senior High School

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## ANZAC DAY

Students at Narrogin Senior High School once again honoured the memory of ANZAC with a very memorable service held in the High School Gym. Year 10 student David Hallam delivered a very educational address on the Gallipoli war event and in closing David said, *"I strongly believe it is our responsibility to learn the ANZAC story. Not just because an older generation tell us to, but*

*because we need to respect the men who fought for our country. And I hold the firm to the belief that the best way to do this is to learn. Learn about Gallipoli and actively understand why it turned out the way it did. I feel that I can truly appreciate the ANZAC's sacrifice because I have a grasp of their own narrative."*

Year 12 student, Nova Garnier sang "Song for Grace" and Emily Ballantyne once again played the Last Post. Special thanks must go to the 512 Army Cadet Unit and the NSHS Senior Band for their contribution to this service.

*Mrs Susan Castle*



Robert Hallam and Jaqueline Ozanne



NSHS at the ANZAC Service



Cadets folding the flag after the ANZAC service.

## GOLD CERTIFICATE WINNERS

### Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad 2015

Head Girl Mayavee Ozanne,  
Jasmine Cheney, Lorette Greyling &  
Emily Ballantyne





## THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 2. We have seen our Year 7 and 8 students become acclimatised to life at high school. The start of Term 2 is a little easier for our new staff and students who now know how everything works and where everything is.

On Friday 24 April, our Senior school Deputy, Sandii Stankovic and myself attended a meeting with Sharyn O'Neill, the CEO of the Department of Education. During the meeting our school was congratulated for the excellent results achieved in 2014 for student attainment. 95% of our students achieved either an ATAR of 55 or better and/or a Certificate II or higher.

A Department Focus for 2015 is to increase the number of students studying ATAR. At Narrogin approximately 50% of our students begin an ATAR program. Studying for university entrance requires a significant time commitment which includes regular revision and completion of assessment tasks. The rewards are well worth the effort with greater options for study and a solid grounding for further study. Research suggests that students from rural areas do better than their city counterparts at university.

I always enjoy seeing our students doing well. Recently Our Year 12 team of Jacqui Ozanne, Lourette Greyling, Jasmine Cheney and Emily Ballantyne won Gold in the Olympiad Linguistic competition. They finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place against 70 teams from across WA. Our other teams were awarded bronze or above with our brand new team of Year 9 students achieving a silver certificate. Thank you to Joan Armstrong for organising the students and giving them the opportunity to excel.

Jakeb Reardon and Blake Page represented Western Australia in the National U/15 Hockey tournament. Jakeb's team won the championship defeating NSW 5-1 in the final and Jakeb was the second highest goal scorer for the tournament, a fantastic effort. Jakeb and Connor pitted their skills against the best players in the country.

On 26 May every year, ceremonies, marches, speeches and presentations are held around the country to commemorate Sorry Day, the day on which Australians express regret for the historical mistreatment of Aboriginal people. Narrogin Senior High School provides some great opportunities for our Aboriginal students and the support given by our parent and carers is substantial and much appreciated. A large number of parents and carers attended our recent Aboriginal Parent meeting and we are working together to improve the outcomes of our Aboriginal students.

Year 11 and 12 exams begin on the 2 June. Exams are a great way for students to test their understanding of each subject and their ability to respond to different types of exam questions. The results gained are a check point regarding their progress. Revision classes are available for their subject and I suggest that students take advantage of them. I wish all our students the best of luck.

Also on 2 June, Narrogin SHS and Narrogin Residential College will host approximately 250 staff from across the district who will participate in a range of professional learning activities developing the theme "Moving from Good to Great".

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The following staff have been elected to the School Council:

Ms Dorothy Bendix

Ms Desire Forrest

Miss Brodie Melchiorre

Thank you to the outgoing staff representatives Brooke Rintoul and Rick Bee.

**There are three parent positions** now available. Please contact me at the school by Tuesday 2 June if you wish to nominate.

Thank you also to Anna Kempton and Verity Harris for their contribution to Narrogin Senior High School.

*Mr Stephen Quartermaine*





## SENIOR SCHOOL DEPUTY

As you are all aware there are many things taking place in regards to Senior School.

Upper School Exams are taking place from Thursday 28 May until Friday 5 June 2015 (inclusive). Students have been provided with a timetable for the exams a couple of weeks ago. **Non ATAR classes will still be taking place for non – ATAR students, and they are expected at school as per usual timetable.** ATAR classes will not be running during this time, however should any students wish to have some tuition or time with their ATAR teacher students have been encouraged to speak with their teacher to negotiate a suitable time. There will be areas set up for students to study if they need to be here to wait for buses. This is strictly for private study.

We are already preparing for the 2016 school year which requires intensive organisation to ensure students select their courses wisely. Many changes have been made to the Year 11 & 12 Courses and WACE requirements. Year 10s will be provided with 2016 Subject Selection Booklets and forms this week. Mr Davis and I will be handing these out to students in their Health classes. Year 10 Parent Information sessions will be held on Friday 29 May (at NRC) at 1.15pm and repeated on 3 June 2015 at 6.30pm in the HillTop Café at the school. Please come along with your child to be updated on the WACE and what this means for subject selection. We will also have appointment sheets available to make bookings with relevant personnel. We aim to have all the students submitting their selections by 26 June 2015.

The Narrogin SHS Facebook page reached nearly 14,000 people in its first week, which is an amazing feat – we will post weekly updates and events on the page so as to keep everyone informed and up to date particularly in regards to assemblies, P&C, student achievements and so on.

*Ms Sandii Stankovic*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPUTY

I'm sure that the Year 7 and Year 9 students have now breathed a HUGE sigh of relief. NAPLAN for 2015 has come and gone. This has been a stressful and anxious time for both students and staff as they concentrate and supervise the five tests mandated by the Government. I am pleased to say that things ran very smoothly and I am looking forward to it running even better next year. A big congratulations to all the students for participating very well and a huge thanks to the staff who supervised the sessions. All the students arrived at their designated rooms on time, sat quietly and did their tests and then went on with their normal school routine for the day. We provided a sausage sizzle on Friday Period 4, for all test participants. Thanks to Student Services for organizing it.



One thing that did emerge from the tests is that there are still a number of students who do not have a calculator they can call their own. NAPLAN is not the only time they will need a calculator and I implore parents to ensure that their child has a calculator for not only their Mathematics and Science classes, but for all the other learning areas as well. NAPLAN focuses on a child's Literacy (how well they can read, write and comprehend text) and their Numeracy (numbers) and both TAFE and businesses have highlighted the fact that they are looking for future employees who demonstrate excellent levels in these two areas. The ability to read, write and manipulate numbers is of great importance for these entities.

As you would know, these tests give us as a school, an indication of where your child is situated in their educational journey, and with the data gained, it allows us to put into place, processes and resources to improve their outcomes. Once the data is returned to us, our staff will begin their close scrutiny of it, so as to better serve your child. We'll also be using the data to help the current Year 8 students prepare for NAPLAN next year, as well as aiding the Year 10 students achieve their OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) for Year 12 graduation and attainment.

For Year 7 students there is a reminder about Swimming Lessons, which will take place in Week 11 (last week of term). A note has gone out to all Year 7 students with permission forms and associated monies to be returned to the Front Office by no later than 3 June. These lessons are compulsory, but more than that, swimming is such an integral part of Aussie life, that the saving of any life by the important skills taught by the swimming staff, do help mitigate the number of drownings each year in Australia. Please make sure your child returns the forms as soon as possible. If you didn't receive one, please come to the Front Office to pick up a copy to take home.

First semester reports are starting to be compiled, and students are still being assessed and given tasks which go towards their end of semester grade. Comments are being written in preparation for inclusion in the report. It is important that all students continue to work hard, to improve where they are at, so they have the best possible doorways available to them for when they leave school and enter the workforce.

### **Aboriginal Education**

Together with South West Primary Health, we are beginning a Yorgas Yarning circle for the Noongar girls in Years 7-12. This initiative was raised by the parents who attended both the BBQ's and the Aboriginal meetings recently. The girls will have the opportunity to confidentially talk about any health issues that are currently on their mind. I'm really excited about this opportunity for the girls and goes hand in hand with what is happening in the Boys program on Wednesday's. We're still waiting with bated breath from Avon Youth for the 'Back to Country' program to resume on Friday's for selected boys.

Finally, to all students in Year 7-9, keep working hard, keep striving for your future goals and career paths. Concentrate on what is important in life; don't listen to, or react to hearsay from other people, because it may be wrong. Remember, if you have a problem, (1) talk to your Form teacher, (2) discuss any issues with your Year Leader, School Chaplain or Nurse, (3) make an appointment to see Mr Potts, or (4) come and see me.

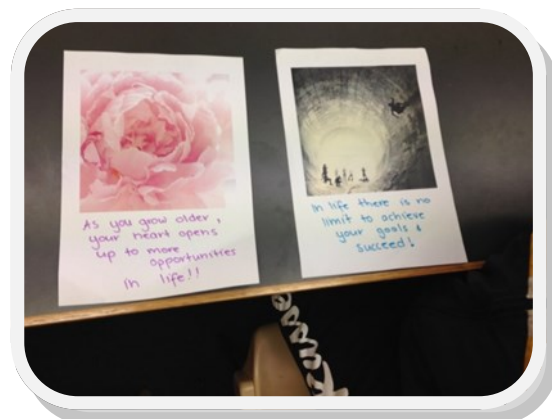
Have a great remainder of the term. Look forward to the break coming up and start planning something exciting for your holidays. Good luck with tests and exams.

## **AIME SESSION 1**



On Wednesday 20 May, a group of Noongar students (Years 9-12) braved a 6.30am early morning start to make their way to Curtin University for the first of five (5) AIME sessions. AIME stands for Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience and gives our Noongar students the opportunity to connect with a mentor who will help them put into place resources, strategies and plans for their future. I sat in on most of the sessions and was thrilled and excited by the level of engagement from not only our students, but those from Clontarf and Southern River. All our students were given a mentor who will be there as they go through the future sessions. Activities ranged from Goal Setting, Leadership, Future Aspirations and setting Positive challenges. The students and I are looking forward to the rest of the sessions later on this year. One of the challenges was to come up with a positive statement. Here are a few examples: 'sometimes there will be long nights. Remember there will also be a sunrise the very next morning'; 'if you want success as badly as you want to breathe, your goal is closer than you think'; and my favourite, 'to be the best, be better than the person you were yesterday'.

**Mr Andrew Symington**



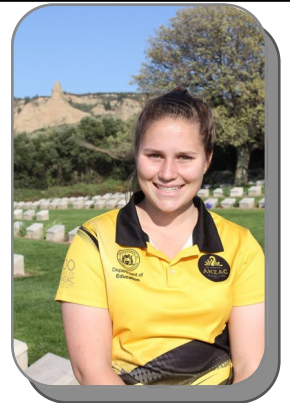


## RENEE SIEBER'S ANZAC STORY

N SHS Year 11 student Renee Sieber, was chosen this year to attend the very prestigious Premier's ANZAC Student Tour. The school wanted to send Renee on her way with something from Narrogin or surrounding districts. The Cuballing CWA, through Mrs Pat McDougall gladly donated 8 hand knitted poppies. Renee said it meant a lot to her to be able to place these on the war graves of Australian soldiers in Gallipoli.



*Mrs McDougall, Renee Sieber and Mr Quartermaine*



*Mrs S Castle*

*"My official Turkey photo taken at another beautiful memorial called Ari Burnu."*



*"The Trojan horse statue used in the 2004 film Troy was taken along the Canakkale waterfront."*



*"Shell Green cemetery contains the graves of five Narrogin people. I commemorated them when the tour conducted a small ceremony."*



*"Lone Pine Service on ANZAC Day was so incredible. The memorial is beautiful. My great great great uncle is buried there."*





## UNIT 1 ATAR GEOGRAPHY



On Wednesday 13 May 2015, the Unit 12 ATAR Geography class travelled to Perth to attend a field work trip at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. Students undertook fieldwork and learnt hands on about the impacts of bushfire both to the environment and urban areas. Also investigated were the impacts to the Parkerville area as a result of the 2014 bushfire. A great day was had by all and students demonstrated, respect, responsibility and tolerance.

*Miss Brooke Rintoul*

## LINGUISTICS WINNERS

***Congratulations to all these students.***

### Year 12s

Mayavee Ozanne	GOLD
Emily Ballantyne	GOLD
Lourette Greyling	GOLD
Jasmine Cheney	GOLD

### Year 9s

Ben Tinley	SILVER
Kaleb Tipton	SILVER
Elizabeth Jacobs	SILVER
Lochlan Horobin-Lavan	SILVER

### Year 12s

Thomas Haythornthwaite	BRONZE
Ethan Hill	BRONZE
Torin Baxter	BRONZE
James Smith	BRONZE

### Year 11s

Connor Earnshaw	BRONZE
Huiwen Li	BRONZE
Allana Searle	BRONZE
Elyse Wallace	BRONZE

### Year 10s

Rhett Cheney	BRONZE
Chris Kain	BRONZE
Georgia Dyson	BRONZE
Sophie Potts	BRONZE

### Year 10s

Jarrold Brechin	BRONZE
Dureen Bolton	BRONZE
Paddy Armstrong-Hetzel	BRONZE
David Hallam	BRONZE



## SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT



In year 8 Science Engagement we have been studying the different properties of the states of matter- solids, liquids and gases. We participated in a super bubble challenge. This involved who could make the largest bubble and who could blow the most number of bubbles in a bubble. Brody Bransby and Taylor Griffiths managed to expand a bubble to a diameter of 40 cm. The second challenge was won by Tyson Williams who managed to fit 5 bubbles within a bubble.

We also investigated surface tension of milk. Small drops of food colouring were placed in a shallow dish of milk, then we added a drop of detergent. We were amazed at the fantastic patterns made. You may like to try this at home.

*Ms Maxine Clark*



## Courtney Perkins Rides for NSHS



Courtney Perkins and Katrina Reynolds recently represented Narrogin Senior High School, when they competed at the 2015 State Interschool Eventing Championships, held at Capel Regional Equestrian Park.

Courtney, riding Deltry Invader, was placed first in the Junior EVA 1.05 metre class. This is a challenging event with Courtney having to jump 1.05 metre high cross country fences at a pace of 500 metres per minute.

Katrina, riding Phoenix Quill successfully competed in the 65cm class. The girls are to be congratulated for representing Narrogin Senior High School at a Championship event.



### Mildew Mania

In 2014 Miss Cheetham and Mr Barr organised for Narrogin Senior High School to be part of Mildew Mania and in 2015 NSHS is again undertaking the project in conjunction with Curtin University.

Mildew is a major concern for the future of farming barley and other crops. Mildew Mania gathers powdery mildew samples on barley grown by schools across WA in order to investigate the mildew disease. By studying genes in the powdery mildew and barley resistance genes it is hoped that resistant crops can be developed for farmers to help fight this disease. To date barley powdery mildew costs Australian farmers over \$100 million dollars annually through chemical control and lost yield.

The Mildew Mania project will be run through specific science classes but any interested students or parents are welcome to assist and view results during tutoring sessions run Wednesday and Thursdays in Room 32.

### Urban Mining



Narrogin Senior High School has managed to secure an educational grant from BP to investigate the feasibility of urban mining as part of a Sustainable Future project in upper school science. The grant provides the opportunity for Science to upgrade and improve laboratory resources so that specific experiments can be carried out on the recycling of precious metals from unwanted electronic waste.

Old computers, mobile phones or electronic accessories are being sought for experiments to determine the cost effectiveness of recycling valuable components rather than placing them into landfill. All devices will be broken down immediately and completely unusable at the end of experiments so security of old information is not an issue. If you have donations of old computers, mobile phones or accessories, please contact Mr Harding on 9881 9335 or email [Mathew.Harding@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Mathew.Harding@education.wa.edu.au).



## NETBALL



On Thursday 30 April the Netball Academy attended the annual Bendigo Cup in Albany. Four teams went to the carnival, Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 as well as four umpires, Lily Palumbo, Jessica Shepherd, Sam Dawes and Katie Lally. Mr Dyson drove the bus and Mrs Corner co-ordinated the day with three parent helpers attending, Mrs Palumbo, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Hanson.

Everyone slept on the floor at the Albany SHS gym and enjoyed a hearty breakfast at the Country Manor Motel. However, the main reason for the journey was the netball carnival on Thursday. All teams did very well and represented the school with pride. In the end both Year 10 and Year 9 teams went undefeated and played each other in the final. The Year 10 team won the final and brought home the Bendigo Cup shield. Thank you to Mr Dyson for coaching the team. The Year 7 and 8 teams played in many competitive games over the day with the Year 8 team reaching the Semi-Finals.

The Year 10 team included Hena Smith, Latia Kickett, Careese Raneri, Meg Conway, Sophie Potts, Jasmine McDonald, Katrina Reynolds, Abbey Wilson and Georgia Dyson. We wish to congratulate all teams for doing their best and following the school's core values of respect, responsibility and tolerance whilst on the excursion.

Special thanks to our umpires, parent helpers and Mrs Corner for ensuring such activities can happen. We hope the Year 9 team can go one step further next year and retain the shield for a further 12 months.

*Abbey Wilson and Georgia Dyson*



## Specialised Netball Tournament



On Wednesday, 1 April, four teams of Year Nine and Year Ten Narrogin Senior High School Netball Academy students participated in the Specialised Netball Tournament at the Kingsway Sporting Complex.

After starting the day bright and early at 6 am, two buses headed to Perth to travel to the Netball centre. We arrived at the Kingsway centre right in time for the welcoming address. The first games involved Narrogin versus Narrogin. The girls then played against teams from other Netball Academy schools including Darling Range, John Forrest, Aranmore, Bunbury, Churchlands, Warwick, Melville, Governor Stirling and Thornlie. The standard of competition was very high in all year levels. All of the teams won most of their games against quality opposition. Well done to all students involved.

Thank you to Mrs Jo Drayton, Mrs Katie Wilson, Mrs Corner and Miss Melchiorre for coaching each team. Thank you also to Mrs Corner and Miss Melchiorre.

***Mrs S Corner***  
***Netball Studies Coordinator***

## The Academy Cup



The **Academy Cup** was held at the Narrogin Leisure Centre on Friday March 27. All Netball Academy students were invited to attend. The girls chose whether to play in the Olympics or the Commonwealth Games competition. They were then divided up into their house groups and played a round robin competition against each other. The girls also umpired each other's games. Each team included a combination of various year groups from year 7 to 10. The afternoon carnival was a great success. All students combined well in their teams and displayed great sportsmanship and responsibility. Thank you to all the students who umpired, kept time, scored and recorded results. I was very proud of the efforts of all students. The best players voted for by their peers were:

Olympics - Meg Conway  
Abbi Battley  
Renee Dodds  
Milla Curtis

Commonwealth Games - Telisha Kickett  
Erikah Cowcher  
Stephanie Yarran  
Elli Bishop  
Juanelle van Wyk

Winning teams for the Olympics competition were Black Fantastic Four x 2 and All Blues.

Winning teams for the Commonwealth Games competition were Jelly Floppers and Fluoro Orange.

***Mrs S Corner***  
***Netball Studies Coordinator***



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 9th June 2015** to give Year 8 students their second dose of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine and their Adult Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccination.

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:

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

### FOOD REVOLUTION DAY 15 May 2015

#### Fighting for food education for every child

Food Revolution Day is a global campaign to put compulsory practical food education back on the school curriculum. Jamie Oliver passionately believes that by educating children about food in a fun and engaging way, we can equip them with the basic skills they need to lead healthier, happier lives, for themselves and their future families.

Read more at <http://www.foodrevolutionday.com/#LY93RZelzcDYC5vT.99> and

Join in on fundraising, or find your closest fundraising event and don't miss out on 2015's



Australia's  
Biggest  
Morning  
Tea

May – June. Read more at <http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/>

## GET TO GRIPS WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A whopping 50,000 primary and high school students catch public transport every single weekday.

Transperth can't help parents to get them out of bed, or get them to pay attention to their teachers in class, but we can make it easier to plan their trip to and from school thanks to the new Get on Board website.

We've helped thousands of students learn how to safely use buses, trains and ferries for years, but the new website is taking the program to a new medium, in an interactive and fun way.

Get on Board is particularly helpful for Year 6 and 7 students, who may have just, or are about to make the move from primary school to secondary school. This is around the time many students start using public transport unsupervised.

While this process can be daunting for both parents and children, Transperth education coordinator Louise Madden said knowing how to use public transport was an important skill.

"Together we can help get your students out and about independently, whilst also understanding the importance of public transport for a sustainable community," she said.

Through lesson plans linked to the Australian Curriculum students are given opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes to make informed and safe decisions.

"Getting out on the network is important too, so we've got plenty of information to help you plan a real life journey on the Transperth.

"It's never too early for students to develop a greater sense of their world and their place within it."

Jump on board [www.getonboard.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.getonboard.transperth.wa.gov.au) for curriculum linked lessons, SmartRider ticketing and group booking information, excursion planning, media library, fact files, games and competitions.

*Explore galore! Enter the Get on Board Website Quiz Competition now. Up for grabs is a \$150 voucher for the winning student and a \$500 voucher for their school.*

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## NOTICES

**If your child has recently been diagnosed with any medical or learning difficulties, please advise the school. Our records can then be updated and the necessary assistance given to your child.**

*Thank you, Admin*

**The uniform shop will be closed on Thursday 28 May and Tuesday 2 June.  
Sorry for any inconvenience. Tracktops and the new track pants are all available for purchase now.**

(Also I have had the following communication from Perm a Pleat via the P & C in regards to the new rugby jumper can this be included as well?)

"Please be aware that the Rugby Jumpers that were due to arrive in April have been delayed and will hopefully be here in June.

The P&C apologises for the inconvenience but stress that the problem is the supplier Perm a Pleat.

We were advised last month that due to the cotton yarn being rejected the jumpers would not be ready until the middle of June.

This is extremely frustrating considering the order was placed in December 2014 and we were promised that they would be ready in April for the "cooler weather".

## URGENT REQUEST

### **Hosting a French Student ( 20 July - 18 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](mailto:aupairoz@iinet.net.au) , mob : **0403 019 609** if you are interested in hosting.

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