



# High School Highlights

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## Caitlin Bassett Visits NSHS

Caitlin Bassett, West Coast Fever player, goal shooter for the Australian Diamonds and recently named Australian Netball Player of the Year, visited our school on Friday December 4, to conduct a Netball clinic and speak at the annual Sports Academy Awards. In the morning, Caitlin took a specialised Netball clinic for a select group of elite Netball Academy netballers from Years 7 to 10. The students participated in a warm-up, ball work, shooting, defence activities and a whole court application exercise. The activities were fast-paced and fun, but also challenging. The Netball Academy students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with someone who plays netball at the highest level. After lunch, Caitlin was the key note speaker for the Sporting Academy Awards. She spoke about the sacrifices she had to make to complete her schooling and keep everything in balance, while playing netball for her state and country. She also spoke about not giving up, believing in yourself, working hard and doing all the things you need to do to help yourself be the best you can be. It was a fantastic key note address and I am sure she inspired all who attended the awards ceremony.

*By Mrs Sarah Corner*



*Hena Smith, Mrs Sarah Corner, Georgia Dyson, Caitlin Bassett, Kate Dyson, Jaelyn Ranieri, Careese Ranieri & Astine van Wyk*



# Principal

**Mr Steve Quartermaine**



Welcome to the final newsletter of 2015. Term 4 has progressed very quickly, Ms Stankovic has the timetable for 2016 ready to go and staffing is almost completed.

There is quite a bit of building activity commencing. Room 30 is being refitted for our students with disabilities and an undercover area is being erected on the south side of the gym to provide protection from the sun and the rain. Bag racks will also be available.

I would like to thank the following staff members who have contributed to our school and are leaving us at the end of the Year:

Krissie Dawson  
Rohan Goonawardene  
Tania Jaskiewicz  
Mogana Ramasamy  
Stephanie Stanek-Smith  
Stephen Flavel  
Steele Morrell  
Giles Wholohan - 12 months Leave  
Tracy Wilson - 12 months Leave

I wish them all the best in their new schools.

The annual Sports Academy Presentation Ceremony was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Our guest speaker was Caitlyn Bassett who attended Armadale SHS until Year 10 when she accepted a music scholarship to Perth Modern School. While you will read more about the presentations in this newsletter I must say that Caitlin was an inspiration to us all. To have the number one player in the number 1 team in the world at Narrogin SHS was an honour.

Congratulations to all the award winners and a special thank you to Mr Andrew Corner, Mrs Sarah Corner, Mr Andrew Pratt, Ms Cara Borthwick and all the other staff who have assisted with the sports academy throughout 2015.

Year 6 transition is continuing with Mrs Navine Coates, Mr Andrew Symington, Ms Jane McGrath, Mr Alistair Potts and the Student Services team running activities during Term 4. A number of school staff have also conducted activities and together they have helped to give the students a good idea of life at Narrogin Senior High School.

I would also like to thank the parents and staff who have participated as members of the School Council. We have a great council in place and I look forward to what we can achieve in 2016. The P&C is also working well and I encourage parents to come along and have their say.

Have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Thank you

*"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." —THEODORE ROOSEVELT*



## Senior School Deputy

*Ms Sandii Stankovic*



Well, another year has gone by and we see the holidays approaching fast.

As I write this I am planning the Transition Day (Friday 11 December) for the incoming students from other schools from Years 8 – 11 who are joining us in 2016. It just illustrates how close this year end is.

Reports are being posted with many other items such as the 2016 calendar, absentee notifications, and OLNA results (Years 10 & 11). I urge you to please take notice of all of these items as this will assist in the smooth transition into next year.

I strongly recommend that reports are examined, goals are set to maintain or improve grades, and then actioned. Ways to achieve goals could be checking work before submission, asking questions when the work is challenging and attending tutoring, particularly when the work is hard etc. Improvements need planning – much like everything else really.

Current Year 11 students have been sent information about holiday revision programs – feedback from former students have indicated that these courses are extremely useful and have helped students increase their results.

There is a Curtin Ahead Camp also over the holidays for students to attend to assist with their future studies – I look forward to hearing from the students that have nominated to attend.

For those that know me outside of school, I am sure you know I am involved with the N&DNA netball and also on a number of sporting committees, including the NSHS Sports Academy. Having Caitlin Bassett at the school was fantastic, and as Mr Quartermaine wrote, she was an inspiration. She discussed about setting goals for herself whilst everyone else was doing their own thing and the sacrifices that she made to get to where she is today. I do hope students take at least a little of this on board. Yes enjoy the holidays, but use the time to prepare for the following school year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe festive season.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2016.



## Payment of School Charges and Contributions 2016

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

The Administration Office will be open on **Wednesday 27 January 2016 9am - 3am**.

Staff will be available to answer any questions.

Students are back at school on Monday 1 February.





# Lower School Deputy

Mr Andrew Symington



First of all I want to thank everyone this year for their hard work, both students and staff. Having read the reports, there have been many improvements from students, and some face a few more challenges in the new year. Our staff have stepped up to the challenges presented and I am very appreciative of their many efforts throughout the year. I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, and comes back refreshed in 2016. Stay safe and be good.

This following article was emailed to me during the week and I can understand the frustration of both English and non-English speaking people when they attempt to learn our language, which is a hotchpotch of so many different languages. So ... if you can pronounce correctly every word in this poem, you will be speaking English better than 90% of the native English speakers in the world, so have fun and come and read it to me when you have mastered the pronunciation.

Dearest creature in creation,  
Study English pronunciation.  
I will teach you in my verse  
Sounds like corpse, corps, horse, and worse.  
I will keep you, Suzy, busy,  
Make your head with heat grow dizzy.  
Tear in eye, your dress will tear.  
So shall I! Oh hear my prayer.  
Just compare heart, beard, and heard,  
Dies and diet, lord and word,  
Sword and sward, retain and Britain.  
(Mind the latter, how it's written.)  
Now I surely will not plague you  
With such words as plaque and ague.  
But be careful how you speak:  
Say break and steak, but bleak and streak;  
Cloven, oven, how and low,  
Script, receipt, show, poem, and toe.  
Hear me say, devoid of trickery,  
Daughter, laughter, and Terpsichore,  
Typhoid, measles, topsails, aisles,  
Exiles, similes, and reviles;  
Scholar, vicar, and cigar,  
Solar, mica, war and far;  
One, anemone, Balmoral,  
Kitchen, lichen, laundry, laurel;  
Gertrude, German, wind and mind,  
Scene, Melpomene, mankind.  
Billet does not rhyme with ballet,  
Bouquet, wallet, mallet, chalet.  
Blood and flood are not like food,  
Nor is mould like should and would.  
Viscous, viscount, load and broad,  
Toward, to forward, to reward.  
And your pronunciation's OK  
When you correctly say croquet,  
Rounded, wounded, grieve and sieve,  
Friend and fiend, alive and live.  
Ivy, privy, famous; clamour  
And enamour rhyme with hammer.  
River, rival, tomb, bomb, comb,  
Doll and roll and some and home.  
Stranger does not rhyme with anger,  
Neither does devour with clangour.  
Souls but foul, haunt but aunt,  
Font, front, wont, want, grand, and grant,  
Shoes, goes, does. Now first say finger,  
And then singer, ginger, linger,  
Real, zeal, mauve, gauze, gouge and gauge,  
Marriage, foliage, mirage, and age.  
Query does not rhyme with very,  
Nor does fury sound like bury.  
Dost, lost, post and doth, cloth, loth.  
Job, nob, bosom, transom, oath.

Though the differences seem little,  
We say actual but victual.  
Refer does not rhyme with deafer.  
Feoffer does, and zephyr, heifer.  
Mint, pint, senate and sedate;  
Dull, bull, and George ate late.  
Scenic, Arabic, Pacific,  
Science, conscience, scientific.  
Liberty, library, heave and heaven,  
Rachel, ache, moustache, eleven.  
We say hallowed, but allowed,  
People, leopard, towed, but vowed.  
Mark the differences, moreover,  
Between mover, cover, clover;  
Leeches, breeches, wise, precise,  
Chalice, but police and lice;  
Camel, constable, unstable,  
Principle, disciple, label.  
Petal, panel, and canal,  
Wait, surprise, plait, promise, pal.  
Worm and storm, chaise, chaos, chair,  
Senator, spectator, mayor.  
Tour, but our and succour, four.  
Gas, alas, and Arkansas.  
Sea, idea, Korea, area,  
Psalm, Maria, but malaria.  
Youth, south, southern, cleanse and clean.  
Doctrine, turpentine, marine.  
Compare alien with Italian,  
Dandelion and battalion.  
Sally with ally, yea, ye,  
Eye, I, ay, aye, whey, and key.  
Say aver, but ever, fever,  
Neither, leisure, skein, deceiver.  
Heron, granary, canary.  
Crevice and device and aerie.  
Face, but preface, not efface.  
Phlegm, phlegmatic, ass, glass, bass.  
Large, but target, gin, give, verging,  
Ought, out, joust and scour, scouring.  
Ear, but earn and wear and tear  
Do not rhyme with here but ere.  
Seven is right, but so is even,  
Hyphen, roughen, nephew Stephen,  
Monkey, donkey, Turk and jerk,  
Ask, grasp, wasp, and cork and work.  
Pronunciation (think of Psyche!)  
Is a paling stout and spikey?  
Won't it make you lose your wits,  
Writing groats and saying grits?  
It's a dark abyss or tunnel:  
Strewn with stones, stowed, solace, gunwale,  
Islington and Isle of Wight,  
Housewife, verdict and indict.  
Finally, which rhymes with enough,  
Though, through, plough, or dough, or cough?  
Hiccough has the sound of cup.  
My advice is ... Never give up!!!

# Burn Bright Leadership

By Abbey Wilson

On November 17 and 18, Narrogin Senior High School prefects, Student Councillors and a newly selected Aboriginal Leadership Team undertook a leadership program run by a Sydney based organisation – Burn Bright.



Burn Bright members help ignite the students' lives on a foundation of purpose, service, values and positive relationships. Leadership can come naturally, but it can also be taught just like any other skill. Some of the key points students learned from the program included the concept of "we, not me", the three 'V's of communication – which are visual, vocal and verbal, and the fact that we influence over 10,000 people in our lifetime without even knowing it.

One of the most important aspects students learned from the sessions was that when they work together, they can get the job done more efficiently. And as a result the councillors and prefects came up with a brand for the school – "Together We Succeed".

Effective leadership is an essential requirement in order to achieve organisational goals. To do this, leaders must be able to provide inspiration, motivation and clear direction to their team. Burn Bright really put this into perspective for the students through an extremely engaging couple of days. "The Burn Bright team questioned the way I think about leadership and what my role on the council is", said David Hallam, Student Councillor



**Arthur Penny**





# Year 12 Prefect Camp

By Allana Seale

Departing Narrogin Senior High School at the painful time of 7 am (on a Saturday!) with Mr Potts as our driver, Mrs Castle and Mrs Johnson, the Year 12 Prefects and I made our way to the Teamwork Development Centre in the Silver Valley, Byford. We soon discovered Georgia Earnshaw's amazing cooking talent in regards to choc-chip cookies – needless to say they didn't last long! There we met our course over viewers Mal and George, and underwent various teambuilding exercises, with names such as The Time Machine and The Calculator. Before we made our way to the 338m high flying fox each team had to help one another cross a dam by laying planks across 4 rafts. By the end of it, there weren't many of us still dry. We finished the day, exhausted, with pizza at Sienna's.



Day 2 was met with a high ropes course and team challenges at Challenge Stadium; the Leap of Faith, was attempted by almost



everyone. We said our goodbyes and expressed our thanks to George and Mal as we left for Subiaco to start our Treasure Hunt. This had us running around Subi for an hour and a half looking for some places that'd been demolished for months! We returned to our accommodation in Leederville, split into two teams and tried our best at a Master Chef Mystery Box Challenge for dinner. After learning about ways to help

manage stress, courtesy of Mrs. Johnson, we all relaxed to Star Wars III – because hey, who doesn't love Star Wars??

Our last day of camp was spent tree-top walking at Kings Park and impromptu-speech giving. Our day was made when a cheeky Kookaburra swooped and stole half of Mr. Potts's sandwich – and then returned for Kyle's biscuit! We made our way home to Narrogin happy, content, singing (badly) to the classics on the bus and (luckily) not too sunburnt.

Over the weekend spent away, the Prefect cohort became closer in a way no-one had previously thought possible. It was a fun-filled, confidence and trust-building weekend which would not have been made possible, if it weren't for Mrs. Castle.

Thank You!





# Published Poets

By Ms Joan Armstrong

On the last day of November, Narrogin SHS was represented at the twelfth annual launch of the Primo Lux poetry anthology in Fremantle. This celebration heralded the publication of just over forty poems, selected from over 600 applications, which showcased the most talented Year 10, 11 and 12 students in the state. One of our Year 10 NAEP students, Paddy Armstrong-Hetzel and a past Year 10 NAEP student, Meg Barry, took the opportunity to perform their own published poetry in front of other students, their families and representatives from a number of state schools from across WA. The anthology's editor, Veronica Lake from Applecross SHS, commented in her speech on the depth of talent and artistic confidence displayed by all the young poets.

Any other budding poets (in Years 10 - 12) who would like to have their poetry submitted for next year's anthology, should contact Ms Armstrong, next semester.



*Veronica Lake (Primo Lux's editor), Meg Barry and Paddy Armstrong-Hetzel*



*Paddy reading aloud his poem, 'Habit'*

## Congratulations



Year 10 student Kyra Rikys has been selected to represent Western Australia in the under 18s Eight Ball Championships in Perth in January 2016.

Kyra is currently ranked 2nd in WA and 3rd in Australia. We wish her the best of luck in the tournament.

## Enjoying Adventure World



*Michaela Stoffberg, Megan Elliott, Kate Dyson, Katie Chivell, Madison Shotter, Chloe Paterson & Erikah Cowcher*

This is a whole school Rewards Day for students who have demonstrated **Respect, Responsibility** and **Tolerance** behaviour through out the year.

## Year 7 Transition

The first part of the Year 7 transition on November 26 went extremely well and the Year 6s joined in their various activities with enthusiasm. Narrogin Senior High School welcomed students from Narrogin Primary, St Matthew's, East Narrogin and Pingelly. They got to meet the Student Services Team, learn a bit about what to expect on their first day at the High School and how to be organised. The students then split into groups and took part in cooking and woodwork activities followed by taster classes in English, Science, HASS and Maths. No doubt they were exhausted by the end of the day. On December 11, students will complete the transition program with students from all feeder schools. The Staff at the High School are looking forward to working and supporting our future Year 7s. Mr Harding will be the new Year 7 leader for 2016.

**Year 7 Leader 2015**

*By Mrs Navine Coates*



## Year 9 Childcare

*By Ms Jenny Shepherd*

During this semester, the Year 9 Childcare Students have written a children's book. The books were printed then bound by the student office. On Monday 30 November, the first child care class ventured down to East Narrogin Pre-Primary and read their books to the students. On Tuesday 1 December, the East Narrogin Kindergarten students came up to the High School and the second class read their books to these young students. The year 9 students did a very good job reading their books and kept the children's attention. The Pre-Primary and Kindergarten students also sang songs for the Year 9s. An enjoyable learning experience was had by all.





# Year 7 English



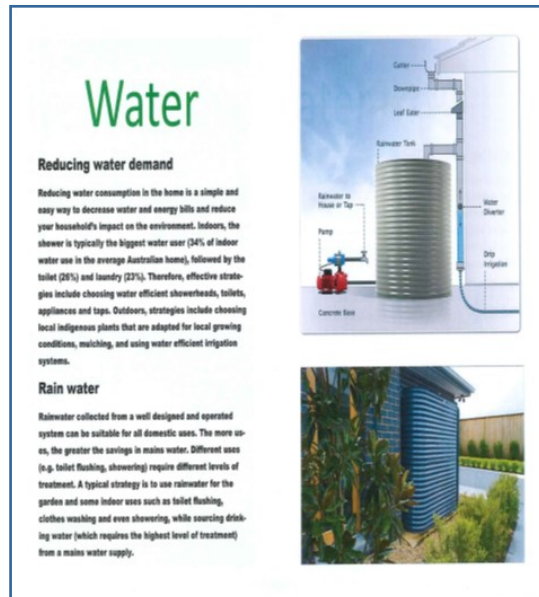
**Alanna Hill**



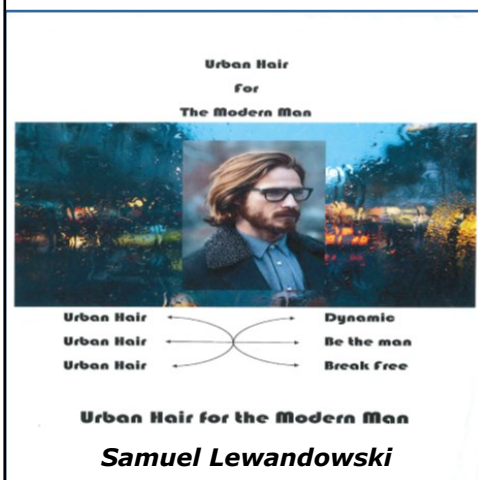
The Year 7 students have been studying the power of advertising posters, including the technical conventions and persuasive language used to sell a product. Their task was to construct their own poster.

The Year 7 students have also been researching the topic of sustainability and created booklets for a primary aged audience.

**By Ms Tania Jaskiewicz**



**Sam Lewandowski , Michael Mills, Ben Scicluna & Campbell Smith**



**Samuel Lewandowski**

## Hour of Code

**By Mrs Mogana Ramasamy**



**The Hour of Code** is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Anyone anywhere can organize an Hour of Code event. No experience needed. Our Year 7 students have completed their "Hour of Code" for the first time during their Digital Citizenship class with Mrs Ramasamy.

**Congratulation to**

Damian Lutz, Monica Hansen, Holly Crane, Stephanie McCracken, Nate Browne.



# Music Excursion

## *The Music Department*

On Friday 20 November, a group of twenty Music students took part in a road trip to Perth for the opportunity to listen to an open rehearsal of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) in the Perth Concert Hall. The orchestra was making their final adjustments on "Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.1" and Mahler's "Symphony No.1 *Titan*". The students enjoyed observing the well-known conductor Asher Fisch and the guest piano soloist Ingrid Fliter in action. They were amazed at the abilities of all the musicians and how quickly rehearsals went when everyone was so well behaved.

Next stop was Edith Cowan University where the students were shown around the campus. Mrs Whitting completed her teaching degree there, so they were really treated to a first-hand view of life at university. The students were able to browse through the music available in the library before playing some fun group games on the lawn – true university style.

We were then able to meet Paul Tunzi, a renowned piano tuner responsible for the selection and tuning of most pianos in WA, who showed us around the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA). The students were shown the theatres and auditoriums on the WAAPA campus and were even able to see the workshop responsible for all the stage productions. The girls were very excited to witness "real-life" ballerinas in rehearsal.

Many thanks must go to Marty Vause, bus-driver extraordinaire, for taking us up to Perth.

The excursion was overall very successful and the students loved the experience and the opportunity.



***The Music students in front of the Perth Concert Hall***



***Checking out the Library facilities***



# Think Big Spring Carnival

By Mr Andrew Corner

"It doesn't matter if you are popular, or good at English. Sport Carnivals bring everyone together."

## House Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Taurus	790
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pisces	673
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leo	661
4 <sup>th</sup>	Scorpio	606

## Badminton Results:

**Lower school Girls:** Danielle Brechin & Kayla Hebb

**Lower school Boys:** Charles Harvey & Luke Kirk

**Senior School Girls:** Rhiannon Crane,  
Katrina Reynolds &  
Pippa Bairstow

**Senior School Boys:** Torin Baxter &  
Tom Haythornthwaite  
Daniel Forward,  
& Marshall Henry

## Tennis Results:

**Lower school:** Cade Turner-Reid & Declin Mumby

**Senior school:** David Hallam & Rhett Cheney



"Why would you stay at home when you can hang out with your mates all day and have fun?"







## Award Winners Sports Academy



### Academy Medal Winners

Pippa Bairstow, Jakeb Reardon, Tayah Medlen,  
Kate Rasmussen and David Phillips

### Waldron Medal

Pippa Bairstow

### Commodine Award

Astine van Wyk

### Yr 10 A Students

Pippa Bairstow, Jarod Brechin, Shannon Charles, Rhett Cheney,  
Marshall Henry, Ethan Hill, Jarrad Lutz, Toby Nicholas, Bradley O'Neill,  
Careese Ranieri, Georgia Dyson, Meg Conway, Jasmine McDonald,  
Abbey Wilson, Sophie Potts, Hena Smith, Ionie Hall, Katrina Reynolds  
and Latia Kickett

### Netball

Yr 7 **Netball Class Award:** Phoenix Turner  
Yr 7 **Umpiring Award:** Breanna Page  
Yr 7 **R/U Top Student:** Abbi Battley  
Yr 7 **Top Student:** Piper Edwards  
Yr 8 **Class Award:** Kate Dyson  
Yr 8 **Umpiring Award:** Jessica Coppock  
Yr 8 **R/U Top Student:** Jaelyn Ranieri  
Yr 8 **Top Student:** Erikah Cowcher  
Yr 9 **Class Award:** Casey Walker  
Yr 9 **Umpiring Award:** Ashtyn Steer  
Yr 9 **R/U Top Student:** Milla Curtis  
Yr 9 **Top Student:** Georgia Dawes  
Yr 10 **Class Award:** Jasmine McDonald  
Yr 10 **Umpiring Award:** Hena Smith  
Yr 10 **R/U Top Student:** Georgia Dyson  
Yr 10 **Top Student:** Careese Ranieri

### Hockey

Yr 7 **Top Student:** Quinlan Paice  
Yr 7 **Class Award:** Breeana Eyre  
Yr 8 **Top Student:** David Phillips  
Yr 8 **Class Award:** Jack Robinson  
Yr 9 **Top Student:** Jamie Ward  
Yr 9 **Class Award:** Tiernan Paice  
Yr 10 **Top Student:** Pippa Bairstow  
Yr 10 **Umpiring Award:** Jarrad Lutz  
Yr 10 **Class Award:** Jarod Brechin

### Cricket

Yr 7 **Top Student:** Luke Kirk  
Yr 7 **Class Award:** Cade Turner-Reid  
Yr 8 **Top Student:** Kate Rasmussen  
Yr 8 **Class Award:** Carter Wilson  
Yr 9 **Top Student:** Liam Sweeney  
Yr 9 **Class Award:** Russell Cowcher  
**Best Fielder:** Brandon Hathaway

