



High School Highlights

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Narrogin Senior High School

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Moonlight Masquerade Ball Beau & Belle



Matthew Abraham & Huiwen Li

ON the evening of Friday 18 March, Federal Street was closed to all traffic except the glamorous! Shiny vintage and veteran cars and even a truck rolled past for the red carpet arrival of Year 11 and 12 students and their partners.

Arrivals were announced by Student Services Manager Mr Potts, greeted by Year 12 Leader Mrs Johnson and introduced to VIPs Mr and Mrs Quartermaine, P&C President Verity Harris, Narrogin Residential College representative Mr and Mrs Russell and Mr and Mrs Fisher on behalf of the Mayor of Narrogin.

Inside, the Town Hall was transformed into a splendid ballroom adorned with masks, feathers and pearls, with a stunning black, white, silver and purple theme, arranged and set up by the Prefects and Ball Committee under the watchful eye of Events Coordinator Mrs Castle. A sumptuous meal and drinks were served by elegant wait staff, thanks to Year 10 and parent helpers.

An evening of glamour, dancing and photography followed. All those who attended are to be commended on their fine presentation, exceptional behaviour and mature conduct. It was an evening to remember!

Congratulations to Belle and Beau, Huiwen Li and Matthew Abraham and other award winners. An enormous thankyou to all the parent, staff and student helpers who made this event such a stunning success.

Kristy Johnson
Yr 12 Year Leader



Principal

Mr Steve Quartermaine

TERM 1 has come and almost gone. I am pleased to say that some great things have happened already in 2016. The school ball was a wonderful event. It was well organised, well supported by families, school staff and our students engaged positively in the whole experience. The arrival and introduction of the students is a major highlight and unique to Narrogin Senior High School. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially Mrs Castle, Mrs Johnson, the student Ball Committee, Year 10 students, staff and parents who assisted with the setup, supervision, table service and clean up.

Our school has participated in several sporting events, including our First Eleven Cricket team who participated in the Kim Hughes Shield. The team played against some of the best school age cricketers in the state and acquitted themselves well.

Our Year 9 and 10 AFL team played Warwick Senior High School.

The Netball Academy students will be participating in the Special Netball Schools tournament in Perth on the 5 April.

Students also competed in the Australian Linguistics and Computational Olympiad. It is great to see our students getting the opportunity to represent our school.

Our Chemistry and Physics students visited Universities in Perth. It was pleasing to hear that they talked to former Narrogin students now studying at UWA and Curtin. Other excursions include Year 11 and 12 Visual Art who visited an Art exhibition in Narrogin. The second Year 12 AHEAD camp at Curtin University will take place during the Term 1 holiday break. Once again it is good to see staff and students doing that little bit extra to ensure success.

The first On-line Numeracy and Literacy testing for 2016 has been held with achievement of this standard a required for achievement of WACE. Students who do not achieve their WACE will receive a statement of achievement at the end of Year 12.

NAPLAN testing will occur in week 3 next term. This involves our Year 7 and 9 students. It is very important that all students complete these tests as they provide feedback on individual student progress and information on the year groups as a whole to inform planning. Year 9 students who achieve Band 8 also achieve their OLNA standard and do not have to sit the OLNA test in Year 10 and beyond.

Our Year 7 students have adjusted to life as secondary students and their efforts are pleasing. They are making a positive contribution to our school and I look forward to seeing them develop further.

Recently three staff members attended a two day workshop on Professional Learning Communities. I am looking forward to their presentations to staff which supports our new strategic plan and our emphasis on improving instructional strategies in the classroom.

I would like to welcome Mr Cook to our staff. He will be replacing a number of our senior staff as they acquit their long service leave as required by our employer. On a sad note I would like to thank Mr Vikram Singh from Science who is returning to Queensland and will not continue at Narrogin Senior High school after Term 1. Vikram has been a valuable staff member who has taught Mathematics, Science and Computer Gaming. Our community wishes Vikram the best of luck for the future.



Senior School Deputy

Ms Sandii Stankovic

WELL what a term!

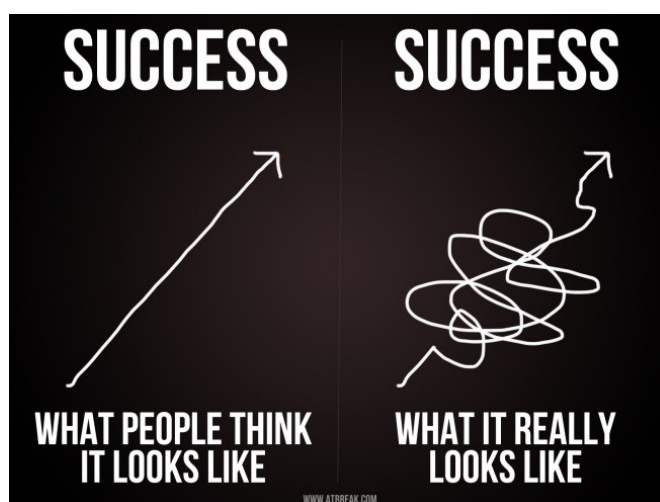
We had our first online booking Parent Teacher evening with 684+ bookings in total. The feedback from parents has been very positive and we will definitely be continuing this practice.

Parents also indicated that the information received from staff was useful and feel confident that students' successes are a collegial goal for all of us.

I spoke about Success at the last assembly. I iterated that success takes many forms and many different paths – and most of these paths are not without challenges, barriers and disappointments. I wanted to get across to students that feedback from assignments needs to be examined. After congratulating oneself with the positive feedback, the incorrect answers/responses need to be corrected. This is how we learn to respond to assessments/class discussions etc, correctly. This is not just for Senior School classes – but really right throughout the school. We learn by doing, making mistakes and then correcting them....I would think this applies to many aspects of life, not just at school but also sport, communicating with various people, learning a new job and so on. It would be great if we can encourage students to take heed of this. I have included a visual representation of the challenges of achieving success. The path is the same direction, just takes us longer than we may think.

As a school we are trying to ensure that communication with the parents and the wider community is timely. This has been a challenge as we try to explore expedient methods. We have a Narrogin Senior High School Facebook page that allows us to disseminate information expediently, Connect for teachers, students and staff to engage in classroom specific matters and of course our Newsletters. We have had over 900 people reached via Facebook so I am sure most of you have accessed this. 115 parents have registered so far for Connect for Parents. Connect allows students access class work from home, view notices regarding classes etc. Parents have similar access and can also view attendance records and progress of your child/ren. If you have not registered please email Carol Potts at Carolyn.Potts@education.wa.edu.au and she will get a registration form to you. I would hope that by the end of the year we will have most of our Years 7 – 10 registered.

Do hope the first term has been a successful one, and that you have a safe and happy school term break.



Student Services

STUDYING before exams is the best way to be prepared. You can make it easier by preparing a dedicated study area, breaking it into manageable steps, revising what you've already studied, and managing expectations and pressure.

Break it down

You look at the amount of information you have to learn for a course or exam and it feels like a huge, unmanageable task. So, break it down. Make a list of small, achievable study steps – maybe summarising a category or chapter – and tick each one off as you do it. Then, make a list that builds on that – you'll get further, more quickly, than you thought was possible.

Make a space

Decide on an area to study in (even just a corner of your room), and don't do anything else there. This'll make it easier to avoid procrastinating. Make it a clean, well-lit, comfortable space so you're not constantly getting up and walking away.

Take breaks

Don't force yourself to push on through when you're tired. You can only absorb so much in one sitting. Try to take at least a ten minute break for every hour of study you do. Also, don't sacrifice sleep to study – you need to get good sleep to be on top of your game.

Revise

Instead of just working your way from one end of the textbook to the other, take time to go over what you've already looked at. This will help it sink in and become more accessible in your memory. Go over last week's formulas, charts, essays or chapters while you're pushing on with this week's.

Take the pressure off

Working up to exams can be (and probably is) pretty stressful. If pressure's motivating you, and isn't a problem, great! If it's getting to your head though you can relieve it by:

Talking to someone outside the situation

Getting some time away from study

Revising your expectations

Talking to people who you feel are putting extra pressure on you

Things you can do right now - Make a study timetable !

Who can assist you in Student Services?

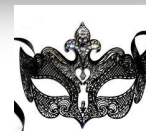
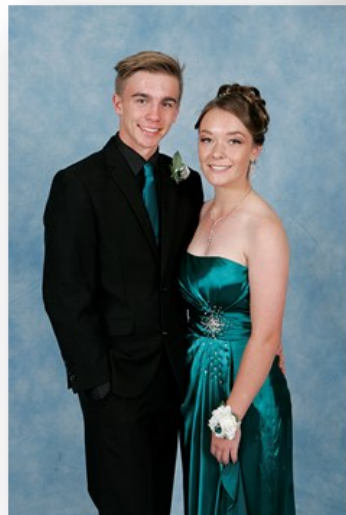
Manager:	Mr Alistair Potts			
Administration:	Mrs Sharon Ward, Mrs Karen Walker, Mrs Sue Jacobs and Mrs Imogen Nicholas			
Year Leaders:	Year 7	Mr Matt Harding	Year 8	Mrs Navine Coates
	Year 9	Mrs Leah Russell	Year 10	Ms Melanie Kerrigan
	Year 11	Mr Mark Davis	Year 12	Mrs Kristy Johnson
Chaplain:	Mrs Jenny Pollard (Mon – Wed)		Mr Martin Vause (Thu – Fri)	
AIEO:	Mrs Janice Kickett (Mon – Wed)		Mrs Carol Kickett (Thu – Fri)	
Nurse:	Mrs Tammy Vause			

We have developed **attendance magnets** to make it easier for you to locate the phone numbers. These magnets went out to parents with student reports at the end of 2015 and new students were provided with a magnet at their induction. The magnets are a quick reference for parents and guardians with three options on how to notify the school of your child's whereabouts. If you do not have a magnet but would like one, please contact student services or have your child attend student services to collect a magnet.



Best Arrival:
Sophie Egerton-Warburton

Ball Photos



2016 OzClo Competition

ON March 3rd, six teams from Year 9 to Year 12 competed in the Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad. Sponsored in WA by the University of Western Australia, competing in this initial online round is the first step towards the International Olympiad which will be held, this year, in Lahore.

In this year's competition, logical linguistic problems were posed in the Cushitic language of Somalia, the Hanunó'o language of the Philippines, the Mayan language of Kaqchikel, Gaelic, Slovenian and the Amele language which is spoken on the North-East coast of the island of Papua New Guinea. Students were tested on their transferable understanding of semiotics, phonetics, translation using grammatical knowledge and logic. Teamwork and communication skills were also major elements in this online round.

This year, it was impressive to note that Narrogin SHS's twenty four individual students between them possess a working knowledge of eight separate languages, with four bilingual contestants.

We are all eagerly looking forward to the results which should be available by the beginning of April.

Ms Armstrong (Level 3 English Teacher)



Home Economics

THE Year 7 students have been very busy learning to make pizza this term.

Students had lots of fun making their dough from scratch and learnt just how easy it is. There was a wide variety of toppings and all shapes and sizes. It was good to see students step outside of their comfort zone and try ingredients they would not normally eat. Next term students will be turning their hands to textiles and creating their very own feltie toy and get crazy with some tie dying.

Ms Justine Campbell



Emily Jones with her Salmon Caper and Cream Cheese pizza

Physics and Chemistry University Excursion



Students standing outside Winthrop Hall at UWA

A small group of year 12 physics and chemistry students visited Curtin and UWA. They had a short tour and presentation by some Student Ambassadors and chemistry students.

The students visited a residential college at UWA, had lunch and viewed some of the rooms. Whilst at UWA they have a quick tour of the campus and viewed a lecture in progress.

The timing of the excursion was especially important because the universities were in full swing with many students moving between lectures. We were lucky to see past Narrogin Senior High Students including Jordan van Elden, Bradley Walliss, Brendan Coppock, Olivia Dorn and Ane Greyling.

***Mr Johnson
Head of Science***

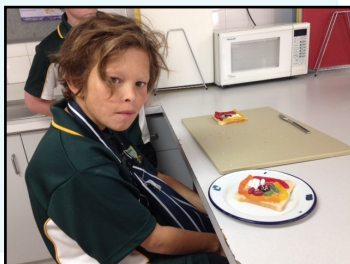


Watching liquid nitrogen in action at Curtin

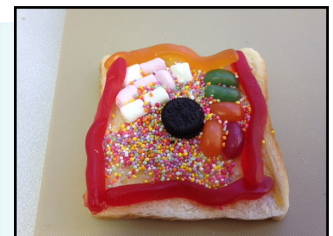


Eating ice-cream outside a residential college at UWA

Mr Singh's Yr 8 Science Class



Students studied plant Cells using lollies.



Tennis

Lower School winners:

Elizabeth Dyke & Taylah Licence

Senior School Winners:

Brad O'Neill & David Hallam

Squash

Winner **Careese Ranieri**

R/Up **Toby Nicholas**

Swimming

Male **Bronson Scott**

Female **Dana Stevens**

Badminton

Winners Lower School:

Daniel Jacob & Justin Nguyen

R/Up:

David Philips & Daniel Roderick

Winners Senior School:

Fraser Stewart & Max Morrison

R/Up:

Rowan Morris & Tyler Cochrane

Winning House

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



Summer Carnival



Tennis



Hockey



Squash



Swimming



*A big thank you to the community organisations that supported the school:
YMCA NGN, NGN Primary, Towns Tennis Club, Football Development Trust, UGSHA*

Summer Carnival

Basketball



Netball

Soccer



Volleyball



Football



Visual Art Term 1

➤ WOOLARAMA WINNERS - JESSICA ELMS & TULEAH BOLTON ◀



Narrogin SHS was wonderfully represented by Jessica Elms and Tuleah Bolton at the Wagin Woolarama. Both students entered multiple works and received awards in the "Youth Fine Art" category. Jessica won 1st prize for her piece "Creature of the Night" and also received 3rd prize for "Breaking Free". Tuleah won 2nd prize with her piece "Dragons in the Cloud". These two artists are definitely ones to watch!

➤ UPPER SCHOOL ART EXCURSION - MOVING SPACE EXHIBITION ◀



On Wednesday the 15th of March Year 11 and 12 General Art students went to see "Moving Space", an exhibition by German artist Diana Charlotte Wild at the Railway Hall. It was a great opportunity for students to experience Visual Art in our community and gave these students a new perspective on how they could explore their own experiences and inspirations through their art making. Diana spoke to the students about what is like to create a body of work and went through the process of how to display work for an exhibition.

➤ TULEAH, SORCHA, BRITT & CHARLOTTE'S SCHOOL BALL BACKDROP ◀



Notices

HOSTING A FRENCH STUDENT - APRIL, JUNE OR JULY

FOR the last 9 years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 13-16 years to discover Australia and its education system.

The purpose of the programme is for the French student to experience living with a local 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 will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Please contact **Martine Floyd**, email : martine.floyd@iinet.net.au , mob : **0403 019 609**, if you are interested in hosting either 5 or 10 weeks.

Talking Drugs – an Information Session for Parents

Parents have an important role to play in preventing and reducing their children's risk of harm from drug use.

As part of the national and state strategy to address methamphetamine and other drug use behaviour, the Department of Education and SDERA are offering *Talking Drugs* information sessions for parents. A *Talking Drugs* session will be held for parents on Tuesday 21st June 2016 at Hilltop Café, Trade Training Centre, Narrogin SHS with welcome tea and coffee available from 6pm. (Presentation 6.30pm to 8pm.)



Places are limited. To register go to <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/sdera-school-drug-education-and-road-aware-6359282539>

THE COLD AND FLU SEASON IS COMING!!!

Colds and Influenza is highly contagious and spreads by droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

STOP THE SPREAD OF COLDS AND FLU BY:

- **Covering your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
Throw the tissue in the bin.
- If no tissue cough or sneeze into your bent elbow and away from others.
- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands well with soap after you sneeze or cough, before you eat, before you handle others property and of course after you use the toilet.
- Avoid sharing personal items.
- Stay home if infectious.
- ◊ Practise good health habits including adequate sleep, eating nutritious food and keeping physically active.

Symptoms of flu include fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills, muscles aches, tiredness and vomiting. It is generally a more severe illness than the common cold and lasts much longer. See GP if symptoms persist.

For more info: www.public.health.wa.gov.au

Skills Development Program

for years 7, 8, 9 & 10

MATHS – ENGLISH – LEARNING SKILLS – ESSAY WRITING

3 Venues - 6 hours per course - 3 hours per day over 2 days

2016 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

See inside for subject schedule



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Leeuwin Adventure

FROM the 12th to the 17th of January this year I took part on a voyage aboard the Leeuwin which was one of the most challenging and memorable times of my life. I left the country life to spend a week out at sea with people I had not met before. At the start this fact was daunting but after getting on board and meeting the crew, my watch team and being taught how things work my worries started to ease.

I was part of the Red Watch crew with 8 trainees in it making us the smallest crew. It was a mixture of boys and girls and they were the ones I'd be spending most of my day and night with for the next week and thankfully I had awesome people in my crew along with the rest of the trainees on the ship which made the journey so much more enjoyable. I'm still in contact with most of them today and I know I've made some lifelong friends.

The challenges faced really push you to your limits, but once you achieved them the proudness and accomplishment you feel makes it worth it. I unfortunately got very sea sick for two days, the crew look after you but also encourage you to keep going as the more you think about it, the worse it will be. Heights was another fear that I got over and I was able to climb to the top of the masts which provided the most incredible views and at its very peak is a quote that only those who reach it can read. The moment when you read it and take it all in it is breath taking.

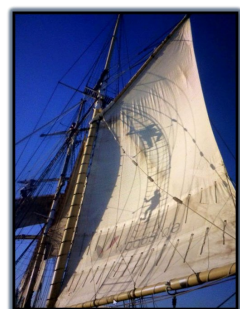
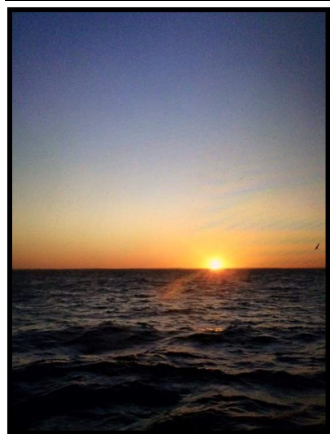
The view of the night sky was pure and completely unaffected by the city lights, the sunsets and sunrises were beautiful and made each day worth it and when sailing closer to land the city lights looked like small floating lanterns. These images are ones that I'll never forget and photos could not possibly do them justice.

The benefits that come from the voyage on the Leeuwin are wide spread, from earning 5 WACE points and one year free membership to come back aboard as a volunteer, to the personal accomplishment and everlasting friends and memories. For me this

journey would not have been possible without the support of Narrogin Rotary Club and the Minderoo Foundation scholarship.

I would encourage everyone to try this worthwhile experience.

Katrina Farr
Year 12 student at Narrogin Senior High School



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