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Narrogin Senior High School

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DUX HUIWEN LI 2016



Huiwen Li with Mr Steve Quartermaine - Principal



Runner Up Dux - Connor Earnshaw
and Male Citizenship Award

Presentation Evening

On Friday 21 October, the Narrogin Senior High School community celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 students as they completed their secondary education.

Congratulations to Dux Huiwen Li, Runner up Dux Connor Earnshaw and VET Dux Samantha Webb, as well as award and subject prize winners.

Thanks to all the staff and students who helped make the night a great success and our best wishes to the class of 2016.

Mrs Kristy Johnson



Principal

Mr Steve Quartermaine

Thank you to our year 12 students who have made a wonderful contribution to our school. Their efforts in the classroom, around the school and community, and on the sporting field have been of a high standard.

I wish our students preparing for their ATAR exams the best of luck and I am confident that they have been well prepared. 32 out of 88 students will sit the ATAR examinations in November 2016. This represents 37.5% of students up from 24% in 2013.

Year 12 students have completed 227 Industry certificates ranging from Certificate I through to Certificate IV level. In 2016, 112 were completed across 17 different qualifications using 7 different Training Organisations. Many Year 12 students have completed 3 or 4 certificates, 6 have completed 5 courses and 3 have completed 6 different qualifications. These achievements demonstrate the extensive range of programs that are available to our students at Narrogin Senior High School.

The final week celebrations reflected the mutual respect between staff and students at our school. I would like to thank Kristy Johnson, a fantastic Year Leader, and Sue Castle for organising the events, Justine Campbell and Desiree Forrest and the Year 11 Hospitality students for catering for the BBQ and the Dinner. Jenny Shepherd, Jill Warner, Helen Sivy, Diane Quartermaine and all other staff members who assisted with the departure of our year 12 students. Also thank you to Basil Kickett who gave up his Friday night to do the Welcome to Country at our presentation night. Basil is also assisting us with our Aboriginal Language and Culture classes.

A special thank you goes to the parents and carers for their support for their students and our school.

With our Year 12 students either preparing for their exams or seeking employment or further training, our Year 11 Exams completed, our thoughts are moving on to 2017. Many Year 11 students will begin their Year 12 courses to enable them to gain a good understanding of what is required in each subject next year.

The Show weekend was a success with thanks to the staff who assisted with the school display. All learning areas contributed student work to illustrate the vast array of experiences that our students have.

Canberra Tour

Thank you to Navine Coates, Matt Harding, Adam Harris, Leah Russell and Rebecca Donovan for such a successful tour.

Attendance

It is vitally important that students continue to attend during Term 4. Final assessments will influence their grade and students who are away late in the term will miss the introduction to 2017 courses and reward events such as Adventure World.

Congratulations

To our 2016 DUX Huiwen Li and Vocational Education DUX Samantha Webb and all the Year 12 award winners.

Janka Reynders for winning the State National History Challenge in the Women's history category and one of three finalists in the Year 10 History Challenge category.

Elizabeth Dyke, Breanna Page, Isabelle Kilpatrick and Declin Mumby have been selected to represent the Upper Great Southern Tennis Association at the prestigious Foundation and D'Arcy Slater Cups.

Haylee Boxall for winning the 2016 Chevron Focus Environment Competition; Year 11-12 Focus on WA's habitats and ecosystems prize for photography.

The Arts Learning Area teachers and students for the fantastic Art Exhibition.

HillTop Café for being voted the best Pizzas in the Radio West competition.

Isabelle Kilpatrick for achieving second place in Stud Breeders of WA Merino Poster Competition. Her poster was displayed at the Perth Royal Show.

Michaela Pratt for representing WA in the Australian Junior Squash Championship.

Vocational Education and Training Dux

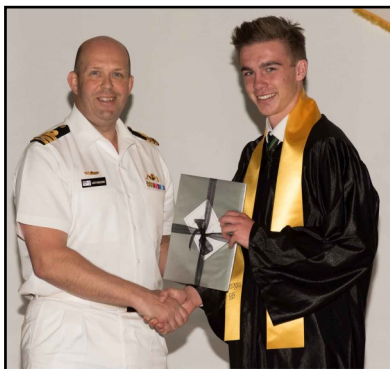


Samantha Webb
Presented by Mrs Heather Mahar
Coordinator Regional Operations
Wheatbelt

More Presentation photos



ADF LONG TAN Leadership and Teamwork Award



Sorcha Armstrong-Hetzel
Presented by Mr Leigh Ballard
Shire President

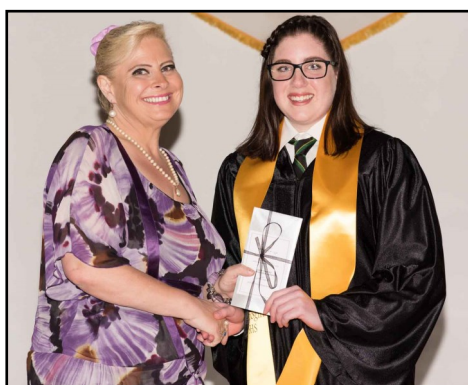
Damion Johnson
Presented by
Commander Gareth Marjoram Royal
Australian Navy.

Female Citizenship Award



Tiffany McLeish
Presented by Mrs Verity Harris
P&C President

Australian Super Award for Excellence in VET



Amy Oats
Presented by Mrs Louise Davidson
Deputy Principal

HGT Taste of the Future Award



Tyson Perkins
Presented by Mr Darren West MLC

Sportsman Award



Nicholas Corner
presented by Mrs Renee Browne
Manager Hostel.

Caltex Best Allrounder Award



Renee Sieber
presented by Mr Leigh Ballard
Shire President.

Sportswoman Award



Shannon Bubb
presented by Mrs Renee Browne
Manager Hostel.



Well, this will be my last Newsletter article for the year as I am going on Long Service Leave for the remainder of the term. This year, like every other year, appears to have passed too quickly. It seems that we have barely started February, and the next time you look up at the world, it is fast approaching December. As of writing this short article, the Year 12's have gone and are looking at their WACE exams; the Year 11 cohort are just about to leave and for those doing ATAR next year, they have begun their discovery of those courses, and before we all know it, we'll be welcoming the new Year 7 students onto our school grounds in 2017.

We've been informed of some scholarship opportunities for students. One that caught my eye was from the P&N bank. For two of their scholarship opportunities, you need to be a member, but for the third, anyone can enter. The link to the page is www.pnbank.com.au/about/community/scholarships. If you want any more information on the other scholarships on offer by the Department of Education, please get in touch with your respective Year Leader, or follow the link to the information page: <http://www.education.wa.edu.au/home/detcms/navigation/education/secondary-school/additional-learning-opportunities/scholarships/#toc1>. I hope that everyone has a productive end to the year, that they keep working hard to gain those extra marks necessary to improve a grade or two and that everyone has a safe holiday over the summer break.

See you all next year.

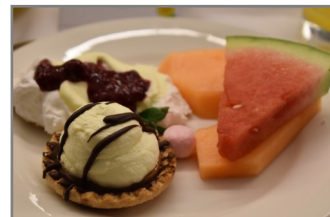
Year 10 Fashion Parade

Year 10 Textiles and Fashion Technology students did a great job modelling garments at the Narrogin Show recently. The student had the opportunity to make a garment of their choice and then model it at an event. Students who modelled were Cailey Harnett, Lili Palumbo, Georgia Billingham, Rykiel Gibb, Jessica Shepherd, Ashtyn Steer and Courtney Donnelly. Thanks girls for making me proud.

Mrs Helen Sivyer



Year 12 Dinner



Canberra Tour 2016

Ever since I started high school (and probably even a bit before that!) I've looked forward to the Year 9 Canberra-Sydney tour. I have listened to past students relive their experiences and heard them reflect on the memorable activities, rave about the food and recall the lack of sleep they got! Others would reminisce on the friendships they made along the way, and the way the trip gave them the travel bug. I knew the trip was something I definitely had to experience for myself and was everything I imagined it would be and more.

When I reflect on my experience on the tour, I will remember so many things. The tour of Parliament House, laying the wreath at the Australian War Memorial, snow day and hanging out with the Cash Cow on Sunrise were my personal tour highlights but I know that others will choose different experiences: The Australian Institute of Sport; Aladdin the Musical at the Opera House; Madam Tussauds; Sydney Eye Tower and the visit to the Home and Away set to name a few. That is the thing about this tour, the entire trip is an incredible experience and I am sure it will remain as one of the most memorable things about my time at Narrogin Senior High School.

When I have been asked about my favourite day on the tour, it would definitely be snow day. Getting to see snow for the first time was something I will never forget and being able to experience it alongside some of my best friends made it even more special. One funny moment that occurred here was when there was an unfortunate mishap involving an esky full of hot dogs! I won't lay blame or name names, but let's just say that it was a very humorous sight to see bright red hot dogs rolling around on the ground. Luckily we had eaten already! I know that the teachers enjoyed snow day as well... especially Mrs Coates who got into a snow ball fight with Ryan! The scenic views up on the mountain were truly beautiful and something that will be etched in our memories for a long time to come.

Another humorous moment involved Mr Harding. While visiting Macquarie's Chair in Sydney he had a moment of confusion, walked straight up to an unsuspecting stranger and said in a very scary and commanding voice "where is your school jacket?" When she turned around, he was startled to see that alas, the offender was not actually a student at our school!

I believe that every Australian should visit the Australian War Memorial if they ever get the chance. This special, solemn place was truly powerful and affected many of us in ways that we weren't expecting. Laying the wreath at the closing ceremony was an experience I did with much honour and I feel extremely privileged to have been given the opportunity. Being able to place a poppy next to one of the many courageous Australian men and women who served our country was a special moment and one we all took very seriously.

One other activity that we all loved was the Government House tour, which inspired many of us. This regal building, with its spectacular architecture, was quite breathtaking and not something many country kids like us had ever experienced before. Our tour guide, Michael, continued to surprise us with his broad knowledge about the House of Representatives and the Senate and it felt rather special to be inside a building where so many important National decisions are made. He frequently added humour into the tour, which kept us all excited about what was to come. At the end of the visit we got the opportunity to participate in a role-play which was a fun and interactive way to learn about what it would be like to be a member of the Government.

Despite the amazing activities we took part in, the thing that made the Canberra Tour such an amazing and unforgettable trip for me was getting to know so many more of my peers as well as getting to know the tour staff in a way that I would not get to do at school. I'd like to thank all of the teachers, especially Mrs Coates, for creating and organising an exceptional tour that no student will ever forget. Also, a big thanks to all the students, I thoroughly enjoyed creating many memories with you all.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$240 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

By Kate Dyson



War Memorial in Canberra



**Jack Elswyk
honouring his soldier at the War Memorial**

CANBERRA TOUR 2016



Parliament House in Canberra



**Surprise meeting with our Governor General
Peter Cosgrove**



Snow Day at Perisher Valley, Kosciuszko National Park

Aussie Backyard Bird Count

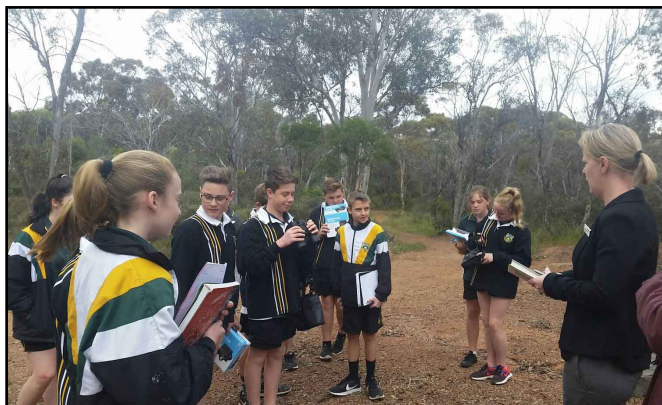


On the 19th and 20th of October Ms Clark's Year 7 class, with their pre-service teacher Mrs Malloch, participated in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count as part of the Biology Unit. The students had been learning about food webs and the impact of disturbances in our ecosystems. As part of this the students participated in a citizen science project by Birdlife Australia counting the species of birds in the bush at the high school. This is a national survey that runs during National Bird Week from the 17th-23rd October. In 2015 over one million birds were counted. The students' data can be seen on

<http://aussiebirdcount.org.au/statistics/>.

The students did a fantastic job at spotting and identifying many species using bird identification books and listening to their calls, with the help of Mrs Bee's expert bird identification skills. Students were also encouraged to participate in the survey in their own backyards and some students were excited to contribute to this important scientific research.

Mrs Emma Malloch



Year 9 Science

Year 9 Science students recently travelled to East Narrogin Primary to perform the annual Science Circus. Students demonstrated a range of scientific concepts including non-Newtonian fluids, elephant toothpaste using catalysts, volcanoes using acid-base reactions, nucleation in Mentos and cola, kinetic sand and bottle rockets.

The year 9 students enjoyed the experience of presenting and communicating science to a younger group of enthusiastic learners. The demonstrations did not always go as planned but the resilience and mature way the year 9 students adapted and solved problems made the day a rewarding one overall.

The most popular experiment was the "make your own ice-cream" that used solutes to lower the temperature of ice-cream or sorbet mixture in a bag, which the primary students could then taste.

All students and staff at NSHS and East Narrogin Primary involved in the day should be congratulated on the wonderful organisation and participation that helped make the day a success.

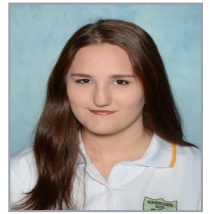
Mr Matt Harding



HASSL Breaking News...

Chevron Focus Environment Competition

Congratulations to Haylee Boxall (Year 12) on winning 1st place in the Years 11-12 – Focus on: WA's habitats and ecosystems. *Watch this space in the next newsletter for a more detailed story.*



2017 Premier's ANZAC Student Tour

Congratulations to Janka Reynders who has made the final for the 2017 Premier's ANZAC Student Tour. Ten students (Years 8 to 11) from Western Australia will be selected to attend the tour. The group will travel to Singapore in April 2017. Well done, Janka. We wish you all the best for the remainder of the selection process.



HASSL Recent News...

National History Challenge



Janka and the Minister for Education – Hon Peter Collier MLC

Well done to Janka Reynders. Janka has won the 'Women's History' state category of the 2016 National History Challenge. Janka wrote an essay under the theme 'Triumph or Tragedy' – Australia's Achieving Women. Janka was also awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in the Year 10 category.

Congratulations, Janka!



Left: Mr Ian Murray (National History Challenge), Janka Reynders (Year 10) and Catherine Baron (President – History Teachers Association of W.A.)

Merino Poster Competition

Congratulations to Isabelle Kilpatrick (Year 8) who won second place in the Merino Poster Competition. The competition was run by the Stud Merino Breeders' Association of WA and RASWA – IGA Perth Royal Show. Isabelle's poster was on display at the Perth Royal Show in the Sheep, Shearing and Wool Pavilion. Well done, Isabelle!



2016 Anzac Day Schools' Awards

Narrogin Senior High School has been awarded a Highly Commended certificate for the 2016 Anzac Day School's Award.

Winners!!!

Congratulations to the students at the NSHS HillTop Café who won the *Best of WA Pizza* category last week, which was run by Radio West. Thankyou to all who voted.

Ms Justine Campbell



Year 11 ATAR Beef (Unit 2) – Harvey Beef Excursion

On Wednesday 21 September 2016 the Year 11 ATAR Geography class, Mr Rowley and Miss Rintoul attended a fieldwork trip to Harvey Beef, Harvey. The purpose and outcome of the visit to Harvey Beef was for students to gain an insight into the role of an enterprise involved in the beef industry. Particularly in relation to role the enterprise plays in the internationalisation of the production and consumption of beef.

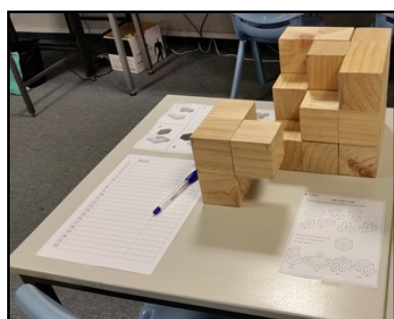
Students undertook various field work activities and were exposed to a variety of field techniques, ranging from observing and recording, listening, questioning and note-taking. Students listened to a presentation and also undertook a tour of the enterprise. Students gained a fantastic insight into the Harvey Beef enterprise and were able to then apply this knowledge in class.

A big thank you must go to Mr Nick Rowley for driving the bus on the excursion. Thanks must also go to Harvey Beef for allowing the field trip to go ahead and especially to Mr Kim McDougall for his presentation to the students, plus other staff who helped out on the day.



Miss Brooke Rintoul

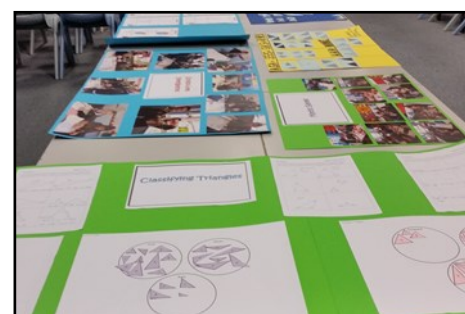
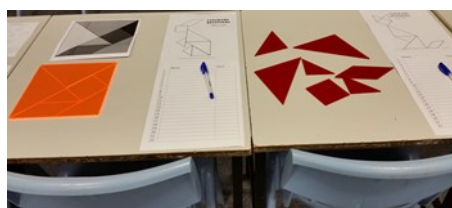
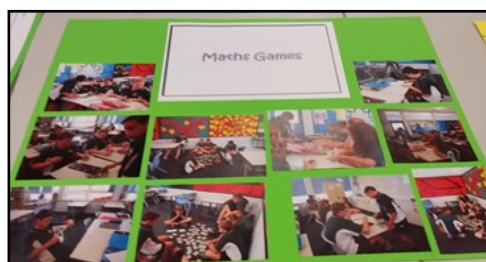
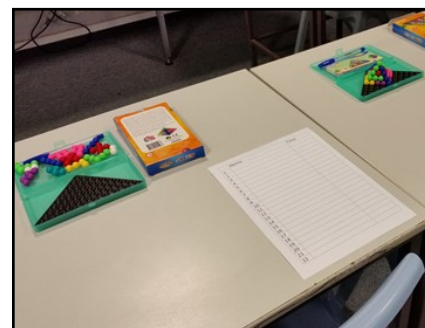
Narrogin Senior High School's Open Day Mathematics Department



"Congratulations to Rykiel Gibb and Georgia Copeland for attempting and completing the maths quizzes at the recent Open Day. Each will receive a voucher for the Canteen.



Thanks to all who visited our room."



RUOK Bike Ride

The RUOK bike ride through the Great Southern came through town last Sunday (16th) and Monday (17th) to raise funds and awareness about this important mental health message.

The athletes included 3 Hockeyroos players and Chad Fletcher, former Eagles player.

Hockeyroos players, Ashleigh Nelson, Rachel Lynch and Tennille Attard put the year 9 hockey class through a skills session before heading South on the RUOK bike ride. Thank you to Mr Johnson HDO and Ms Borthwick for creating the opportunity for our students.

Mr Andrew Corner



Congratulations Michaela Pratt

Michaela travelled to Thornleigh in NSW over the Term 3 holidays to represent Western Australia in the Australian Junior Squash Championships. The tournament included an individual competition where Michaela finished 13th, making her the 13th ranked player in the girls u/15's in Australia. The individual tournament was followed by a team's event where all age divisions were combined to make a single team to represent their home state. In this event WA finished second, losing to Queensland in a nail biting finish on the final day.

Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health

Year 8 School Vaccination Program



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Community Nurses from Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service will be visiting Narrogin Senior High School on **Tuesday 8th November 2016** to give Year 8 students their third dose of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine.

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**



Adolescent support services - where to go for help?

Kids Helpline provides free, private and confidential telephone and online counselling for young people (5- 25 year olds). You can phone *anytime* on 1800 55 1800 or go to www.kidshelp.com.au.

Somazone is a safe space for young people to ask questions, share stories and get help for mental health issues, sexual health, relationships, abuse, body image, and drug use.

Visit the website at www.somazone.com.au.

Other mental health support services include: www.reachout.com.au, www.youthbeyondblue.com.au, or www.headspace.org.au.

You can also talk through any problems with your school's Community Health Nurse. Remember, no matter how big or small your problem is, **there is help available** and it is important to seek help **as soon as possible**.

Parents can find useful information to help their teenagers through everyday issues and tough times using the new online resources from **ReachOut Parents**: <https://parents.au.reachout.com/>.

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Year 12 Breakfast



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